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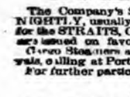

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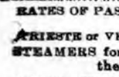

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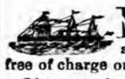

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J. HEXT,
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	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half-Yearly Divid.	Cash ltate
INDIAN BANKS.				Rs.	
Bank of Bombay	80,000	800	all	10 p. c. 1 bon.	1,265
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,280
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,22[illegible]
Commercial & Ld. Mge ...	{10,000 / 15,000}	100	{100 / 75}	10. p. c.	145
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	10a,000	210	all	5 pr. ct.	80
Charter Bank ...	40,000	420	420	7 pr. ct.	422
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	$125	all	£1-5s.	
National Bank of India	60,000	£25	£12½	8 pr. ct.	305

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Asiatic	1,500	1,100	all	Half yearly	550
Anglo-Indian ..	1,342		100	Nil	45
Aurungabad S. & M. Co., Ld.	6 8	1,000	1,000	60	1,001
Bellary S & W Co. Ld (Bellary)	371	93	all	8 per ct.	210
Bombay Cloth'g	900	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.40	750
Bombay Cotton Manfc. Co ..	900	500	500	dvd Rs.30	500
Bombay National Manfg. Co. Ld	500	1,000	1,000	...	699
Britannia Mill	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.40	675
Central India ...	1,000	500	500	dvd Rs.5)	1,363
China Mills Co Ld	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.5)	735
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.5)	915xd
Coimbatore S and W	6,000	100	100	9 per ct.	123
Connaught Mills	800	800	800	25	710
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	dvd Rs12	593
Dharla Mills ..	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	556
Gardi m b a o Mill	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	918
David Mill	1,400	800	500	dvd Rs.30	598
Ellum Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	50	500
Empress	1,100	800	800	dvd 25	515
Framjee Pet. industar	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.30	550
Hajee Mills	875	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs35	600
Hinganghat	700	800	800	40	670
Howard and Sullonghs	5,500	800	800	25	685
Hope Mills	800	1,000	1,000	50	575
Hydenabad	700	1,000	1,000	40	1,400
Imperial Cotton	900	1,000	500	dvd Rs.15	493
Indian Manf	900	1,000	1,000	60	1,210
India - China Manufactur. Co. Ld ..	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	775xd
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	20	650
Jaffer Alli	400	800	800	dvd Rs.20	225
Jamshed Manufacturing Co..	1,500	750	750	dvd Rs.10	332½
Jewraj Balloo...	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.20	950
Jubilee Mills Co. Ld	845	1,000	1,000	30	525
Khandelah	750	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs30	745
Khan g a n Manfg. Co ..	400	250	250	Nil	95
Khatau Maokanjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs35	770
Lopold	2,000	100	100	dvd Rs.10	280
Lord Reay Mfg.	445	1,000	1,000	30	800
Lukmidas Spinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	955
Mirzas United	355	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.100	2,100
Mahalaxmee ..	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	500
Mahboob Shah Mills (G u l burga)	8,400	250	500	15 pr ct	—
Manookjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dv Rs100	2,25[illegible]
Masagon	2,000	250	250	dvd Rs 5	120
Morarji Goculdas	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs75	2,125
Mysore S & M Co Ld	4,000	250	250	dvd 15	250
Madura Mills...	7,779	100	100	Nil	pa...
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	525
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	450
Oriental	56726	625	625	dvd Rs20	325
Presidency Mills Co (Ld).	743	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	1,250
Queen Mills ..	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs80	880
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs60	1,150
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	1,050
Shalapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs60	1,500
Soonderdas	750	1,800	1,000	dvd Rs60	1,500
Southern India	1,000	500	500	dvd Rs60	800
Southern Maharatta	1,312	250	250	dvd Rs12½	355
Sun Mills, Ld....	1,300	250	250	dvd Rs 20	300
Standard Mills Co. Ld.	1,500	500	500	25	350
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	650
Swadeshi Mills	125,000	500	500	dvd Rs15	637½
Swadeshi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld.....	2,970	250	250	8 pr. ct.	375
Tata Manufacture Syndicate	5,000	100	100	10 pr. ct.	18
Tarbhan Co Ld	23,000	1,000	100	—	12
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	1	4
Bandra Pile...	6,000	100	10	12	152
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation...	1,000	2,500	1,500	30	8,325
Do. New Issue.	500	375	62.	75	1,600
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	24,250	100	100	dvd 3	65 x-i
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.....	400	500	500	5 pr. ct	530
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Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn ..	5,000	100	10	10 pr. ct.	18
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	185
Kemp & Co.....	4,000	200	175	21	357
Kurrachee Landing	800	500	500	30	182
Marks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	132
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	41
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	200	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance ...	5,000	200	50	12 pr. ct	153
Phillips & Co., Ld	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs.6	90
Port Canning Co	2,000	2,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	490
Sandy & Co...	1,000	100	100	5	60
Thacker & Co	2,000	500	500	dvd Rs40	1,075
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100	100	135	145
Telephone Co.	8,200	251	100	dvd Rs11	22

PRESS COMPANIES.

Akbar	300	1,250	1,250	Yearly 75	1,15[illegible]
Albert Ginning Co	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	45
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	Rs 80	1,15[illegible]
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	225
Bhownuggar City Press & Manfg Co, Ld	550	350	350	25	375
Bombay Cotton Brand Cawnpore Press Co., Ld	2,000	125	125	dv Rs12½	150
Bombay City Press Co., Ld	530	200	200	11	180
Bombay Co-operative Credit Co	500	200	200	dvd Rs25	230
Colaba	500	1,880	1,880	dvd Rs15	205
East India	350	1,000	1,000	75	1,300
English Press and Manfg ..	400	200	...	dvd Rs 8	95
Fort	750	2,500	500	35 + 80	1,100
French	300	500	500	dvd Rs30	340
Harvey and Sabapathy ..	450	450	500	dvd Rs10	320
Hirgoll Press Co., Ld	200	400	100	dvd Rs11	137
Khanguna	240	450	450	Rs40	450
Mahura Press Co., Ld	300	200	all	15 pr. ct	253
s h i madpure Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld.	300	500	500	53	70
Mercantile ...	4,000	500	125	dvd Rs4	75
Motasili Co ...	2,125	400	400	dvd Rs20	345
Manuar M....	1,000	250	11	15	19
New Beraz...	1,200	800	500	dvd Rs30	540
New Indian.....	4,000	125	125	dvd Rs9	145
Prince of Wales	100	800	800	25	475
Sahapasiy (Bellary)	800	500	75	21	383
Sassoon	300	500	500	25	61
Sind and Punjab Co	7100	1,000	1,000	20	2,25[illegible]
Sind	400	2,000	750	50	530
Ujeab Woollen Mills	1,200	250	250	Nil	75
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	370	200	all	12	220
Vakar	—	1,000	10	dvd Rs35	1,050

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Asiatic Fire Insurance Co Ld	23,000	1,000	100	—	12
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Sandy & Co...	1,000	100	100	5	60
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PRICES OF BULLOIN, &c.

English Gold	Rs.	26
Gold Leaf	"	25-15 Nom.
Pekin, bar Gold, old	"	25-14
Do., do. new	"	25-14
Australia bar Gold	"	25-14
Bombay bar Gold	"	25-12
Sovereigns	"	16
Do. Demand	"	15-15
Silver 11	"	34-3
Do. 10	"	34-10

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY

Sun rises, 5h., 43m. Sun sets, 6h., 17m. High water, 10-42m., 10-45a. Low water, 4-3m., 4-32a.

THE MAHALUXMI FAIR.—The annual Mahaluxmi fair comes off to-morrow, and will last for four days.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per extra s. s. Hiroshima Maru, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 4 p.m., to-day.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.—There will be the usual handicap races on Saturday for yachts and ships' boats, entries for which will close at 4 p.m., to-day.

INJURY TO A MILL-HAND.—A Hindu mill-hand, named Soobhana Bundi, aged fifteen years, employed at the Jubilee Mill, at Sawrse New Road, had his right arm accidentally caught and crushed in the machinery while at work there on Tuesday last. The injured youth was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where the arm was amputated up to the elbow. The lad is progressing favourably.

ALLEGED THEFT BY A DAUGHTER.—Baloobai, a Hindu widow, residing at Pirkhan Lane, reported to the police, on Tuesday, that on the morning of the previous day she went to work at Carnac Bunder, leaving her daughter Yesoda, aged about seventeen years, in the house. On her return home at noon for the midday meal, she found the lock on her box broken open, and currency notes and gold and silver ornaments, of the aggregate value of Rs. 200, stolen therefrom. She found her daughter had disappeared from the house, and on an inquiry ascertained that she had absconded with aman, whose name she gave. A search is being made for the girl and the man.

ALLEGED FRAUD BY A CARTMAN.—Dungapersad Hanuman, a grain-dealer, having his shop at Byculla, Parel Road, reported to the police, on Tuesday evening, that about 10 o'clock in the afternoon of the day, he engaged a labour-cart, number not known, driven by a Mahomedan, aged about thirty-five years, at Argyle Road, and having loaded it with three bags of dhal, directed the driver to take it with him to Bhat Bazaar. On arriving at the latter place, complainant placed into the cart five bags of rice and a tin of ghee. They then proceeded to Samuel Street, where two more bags of dhal were put into the cart. Having loaded the cart with the above goods, valued at Rs. 120, the complainant directed the driver to deliver them at his (complainant's) shop at Byculla. On returning to the shop at 3 p.m., complainant found that the cart had not arrived. He waited for it until 6 p.m., when, finding no sign of the cart, he made a report to the police.

FIRE AT CHINCH BUNDER ROAD.—On Tuesday, a fire broke out in a ground floor godown, containing bags of groundnuts, oil seeds, bales of gunny bags, &c., the property of Goculdas Dewji, at Chinch Bunder Road. The fire was first discovered by a Purdasee watchman who noticed smoke issuing from the godown and raised an alarm. The fire-brigade stations were communicated with, and the Babulla Tank steamer promptly repaired to the spot, followed by the Fort, Sankli Tank, and Gowalia Tank engines. Only the Babulla Tank steamer was brought into requisition, and the fire was put out within an hour after it was discovered. The damage done to the goods and the godown is estimated at Rs. 5,000. The goods stocked in the godown, which belongs to one Keshew Devcaroon, are valued at Rs. 15,000, and they are insured for Rs. 20,000 with the South British Insurance Company. The building of the godown, which is valued at Rs. 15,000, is insured for Rs. 20,000, at an insurance office in the Fort. The outbreak is attributed to spontanious combustion.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A GIRL.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the corner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at Middle Colaba, touching the death of a Mahomedan girl, named Mariam, aged two years, daughter of Mahomed Ismail Bhowdeen, a labourer, residing at the Victoria Bunder, Lower Colaba. On Monday, Ashabee, the mother of the girl, went in search of work to the quarters of the married men, non-commissioned officers of the Ordnance Department, now under construction at Middle Colaba, taking the daughter with her. She placed deceased near a stack of iron columns, and went to talk with another woman, named Zoona, who was at work there. While talking to Zoona, the mother heard a crying fall and, on going to the spot where she had placed the child, she found that two iron columns had rolled off the stack and fallen on the neck of the child. A number of labourers came up, and on the columns being removed off the neck, the child was found dead. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

COURT MARTIAL ON AN OFFICER.—The confirmation of the sentence on Surgeon-Major M. F. Macnamara, A. M. S., who was lately arraigned before a General Court Martial in Belgaum, has been published. The officer was found guilty of certain charges, which involved neglect of patients under his care, and the sentence of the court is that he should be severely reprimanded and be deprived of one year's seniority.—*Deccan Herald.*

PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE JUBILEE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

A MEETING of shareholders of the company was held yesterday at the registered office in Church Gate Street, Sir J. Cowasjee Jehangir, chairman of the board of directors, presiding. The directors' report stated among other things :—

You will see from the audited accounts that the profits for the year amount to Rs. 1,52,108-12-5, inclusive of the balance of Rs. 5,704-6-2 brought forward from last account. For the first time in the history of your company, the profits have reached this figure, and your directors were hopeful that the results of the current six months would have been better still as they had sold yarn at very high rates and secured cotton at a very good margin of profit, but as you are well aware the whole prospect has been suddenly changed by the desertion of our mill-hands on account of the plague. Under these circumstances and with a view to strengthening the position of the company, your directors do not think it advisable to declare large dividend than Rs. 30 per share, which with Rs. 30 paid as interim dividend for the half-year ending 30th June last, makes Rs. 60 for the year. They further propose to carry Rs. 35,000 to the machinery depreciation fund account, and Rs. 50,000 to the reserve fund (which will then stand at Rs. 76,000), and to carry forward Rs. 6,588-12-5. The mill buildings and machinery, together with the stock in hand, are insured against fire for Rs. 12,78,000.

Resolutions were passed adopting the report and confirming the accounts. Mr. J. M. Framji Patel, who retired by rotation, was re-elected a director. Messrs. Nusserwanjee Sorabjee Jamsetjee and Nowrojee Ardesir Banajee were appointed auditors at a remuneration of Rs. 200 each. The best thanks of the meeting were tendered to the directors and agents for their able management of the affairs of the company; and the proceedings closed with a vote thanks to the chairman.

THE COORLA SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.

At a meeting of shareholders of the company held a few days ago, Sir J. Cowasjee Jehangir, chairman of the board of directors, presided. The following report of the directors was submitted :—

Your directors have the pleasure of submitting to you their report and the audited accounts for the past year, showing the profits to be Rs. 1,35,884-1-6, inclusive of the balance of Rs. 4,092-15-7 carried forward from last account. Your directors feel confident that you will consider the result to be satisfactory, considering the bad state of the piece-goods trade throughout the year. As mentioned in the last report, the excise duty of 3½ per cent on all locally manufactured piece-goods checked the demand which was considerably reduced by the famine in India, and rather than accumulate stock, the agents at once curtailed the outturn of cloth by stopping nearly half the looms from the beginning of the year. They further regret to report that Coorla has not escaped from the ravages of the plague raging in Bombay, and many of the mill-hands have left the station, though your directors believe they will soon return to work. Out of the sum of Rs. 1,35,884-1-6 an *interim dividend* of Rs. 20 per share was paid for the half-year ending 30th June last, leaving a disposable balance of Rs. 1,09,884-1-6, which your directors propose to apportion as follows:—To the payment of a dividend at Rs. 25 per share for the half-year ending 31st December 1896, Rs. 37,500; machinery depreciation fund, Rs. 65,000; building depreciation fund, Rs. 5,000; the payment of bonus to the staff, Rs. 3,000; carry forward Rs. 4,384-1-6; total Rs. 1,09,884-1-6. From the accompanying accounts you will see that your company had to pay Rs. 15,352-8-5 on account of excise duty on piece-goods. You will also see that the item of "fire Insurance" is much greater than before, because last year the Fire Insurance Association raised the rate of premium on all mills outside Bombay by fifty per cent., a most arbitrary proceeding, against which they sent a strong protest, with the result that the association have agreed to charge the old rates in future provided the fire service at the mill is improved, a matter which is now engaging the attention of the agents. The mill buildings and machinery are covered against risk of fire for Rs. 12,80,000 and the stock of cotton, &c., for Rs. 5,89,500.

The report and audited accounts were adopted and passed. Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart., and Mr. Dadabhoy Merwanjee Jeejeebhoy, who retired by rotation, were re-elected directors of the company. Messrs. Dhunjeebhoy H. Wadia and Nowrojee Ardasir Bomonjee were appointed auditors at a remuneration of Rs. 250 each per year. The best thanks of the meeting were tendered to the directors, and the secretaries, treasurers and agents of the company for their able management of the company's affairs. The proceedings concluded with the customary compliment to the chairman.

NAGPUR NOTES.

THE annual prize-distribution of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Rifles, announced to take place on the Tennis Court, in the compound of the Railway Institute, on Wednesday last, the 7th instant, was a grand success. There was a fairly numerous gathering to witness the tamasha, comprising the friends and families of the Volunteers, and a large sprinkling of guests. The courts were very nicely and neatly covered with canvas, and the grounds adjoining lent a grand appearance, the ornamental plants adding and beautifying the place, while around and about were hung bunting and flags of variegated colours. Two powerful Well's patent gas burners, as usual, shed brilliant light over the scenery. Mrs. Goodfellow, in the absence of Mrs. Wynne, the popular wife of the popular commandant of the Corps (who, we are sorry to say, is laid up with measles), kindly distributed the prizes to the successful competitors in the various matches. The prize-list was a long one, there being twenty-one matches in all. After the distribution of the prizes, three loud cheers were given for Mrs. Goodfellow, and three more for Captain D'Arcy Thomas, Adjutant of the Corps, and then the dancing saloon was thrown open. The arrangements were made by the Sergeant-Major and manufacturers of the committee, and great credit is due to them.

The following is the result of the matches, with names of the first three prize-winners in each :—

MATCH I.—"The Chairman's Cup."—Value Rs. 200. Presented by Mr. S. Hoare, M.P., and Rs. 250 added money, presented by Messrs. Jessop and Co., Calcutta.

	Rs.
Sergt E Jordan ..... Cup and	30
Le Corpl V Arland	25
Vol J Smith	20

Twenty-three other purses of from Rs. 20 to 5 each were awarded to others according to merit.

MATCH II.—"The "Bon-accord" Pungh Bowl." Presented by Messrs. Forbes, Mitchell and Co., Calcutta, and Rs. 100 added money by the same firm; also Rs. 100 added by the Bengal Coal Company, Calcutta.

	Rs.
Le Corpl V Arland ..... the Bowl	
Sergt P McNamara	30
Sergt C S Robbins	20

Sixteen money-prizes of lesser value, ranging from Rs. 15 to Rs. 5, were awarded to others.

MATCH III.—"The Managing Director's Cup."—Value Rs. 200. Presented by Mr. R. Miller, Managing Director, B.-N. Ry., and Rs. 200, added by the Corps.

	Rs.
Lieut F Brewster ..... Cup and	50
Le Corpl H Cookburn	30
Col Sergt W H Brock	20

There were also sixteen smaller money-prizes of Rs. 15 to Rs. 5 each.

MATCH IV.—"The Hyde Gold Medal."—Value Rs. 200. Presented by Mr. A. Hyde, and Rs. 125, presented by Messrs. Ralli Brothers, Bombay, and Messrs. Cooper, Allen and Co., Cawnpore.

	Rs.
Lieut D Fauids ..... Medal and	50
Col Sergt Barraclough	15
Major E G Batton	10

There were ten other prizes of Rs. 10 and under.

MATCH V.—"The Director's Cup."—Value Rs. 500. Presented by the Board of Directors, B.-N. Railway, and Rs. 200, presented by Messrs. Hoare, Miller and Co., Calcutta, and by the Vacuum Oil Company, Bombay.

	Rs.
Sergt Major J McConachie ..... Cup and	75
Sergt Instr J Wiseman	30
Vol W Munro	20

Nine other prizes of Rs. 10 and under fell to others.

MATCH VI.—"The Bengal-Nagpur Railway Stakes."—Rs. 300. Presented by the officers of the Corps.

	Rs.
Vol W Munro	50
Vol O Woods	40
Col Sergt W H Brock	30

Twenty-nine purses of from Rs. 20 to Rs. 5 each were also awarded according to merit.

MATCH VII.—"The All Comers Match."—Open to the world. Rs. 150.

	Rs.
Vol L Bailey, N Y R	50
Sergt D Cleanor, H N R	30
Sergt Instr J Moore, B N R	15

There were also ten other prizes of Rs. 10 and under.

MATCH VIII.—"Rapid Firing Stakes."—Rs. 150.

	Rs.
Sergt Instr J Wiseman	25
Sergt E C Rappa	20
Sergt H Russell	15

Sixteen other prizes of between Rs. 10 and Rs. 5 were awarded to others according to merit.

MATCH IX.—"The Recruits Match."—Rs. 100. Presented by the Caledonian Steam Printing Works, Howra.

	Rs.
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	Rs.
Sergt E C Rappa ..... Cup and	30
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Sergt T G Sergeant ..... Salver and	15

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MATCH XI.—"The Sergeant Instructor's Match."—Rs. 100. Presented by the Corps.

	Rs.
Sergt Instr J Moore	30
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Sergt Major J McConachie	20

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MATCH XII.—"Revolver Match for Officers."—Captain A. T. Goodfellow, a pewter mug.

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	Rs.
Sergt Instr Moran	15
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	Rs.
Vol E J Sweeney ..... Cup and	25
Sergt R C Connell ..... "	15
Co. I R Saunderson	10

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MATCH XV.—"The Barton Cup."—Presented by Major E. G. Barton B.-N. R. Rifles, and Rs. 210 added, won by "B" Company.

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	Rs.
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Col Sergt W Shakespeare ..... Silver medal and	15
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Lee Corpl Cockburn ..... Bronze medal and	5 "

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Vol Shunker	7

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WITH regard to the proposal of a building syndicate with European capital, the *Indian Spectator* discourses: "Mr. R. A. Willis' proposal of a building syndicate with European capital and a Municipal guarantee of 3½ per cent, with a stipulation for a moiety of the profits, brings within the range of possibility a solution of the pressing problem of how to rehouse Bombay on sanitary principles. The needs of the poor are unquestionably the most pressing, but our middle classes, too, are scarcely happy with the accommodation they are able to secure for the twenty to fifty rupees per month,—a rental they are by no means unwilling to give for airy and commodious rooms. The source of the difficulties is to be traced in two directions. The professional landlord of Bombay is not content with small returns, and little can be expected from him by means of stringent building rules. A wholesale condemnation of houses as "U. H. H." would, if anything, furnish them with a pretext for raising the rents still more abnormally. Secondly, there cannot be an effective competition against him until all conveniences are provided for a suburban development of the town. We believe the remedy would be found in first making residences in the suburbs popular and convenient for the poor as well as the middle classes. Drain them well first, cut off the malaria-producing woods, open them with good roads and supply them with easy and cheap communication with the business quarters of the town. The individual capitalist will always go in for high returns, and from him, we are afraid much cannot be expected, expecting building fashionable quarters for the richer classes. But we do not believe that Mr. Willis and Dr. Pollen and Mr. Reynolds have quite grasped the situation when they believe that the only alternative lies in a resort to the English loan market. If Government and Municipalities can easily raise loans at 3 to 4 per cent., why should it be difficult to raise a rupee-capital in India for a guaranteed building society and on equally easy terms?"

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THE WORK OF THE PLAGUE COMMITTEE.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 14.

THE only changes reported in the London financial market yesterday were an advance of 1/8 per cent. in Consols to 112 3-16, and of ¼ centime in Paris Exchange on London to 25·13 fcs., the other quotations all being unaltered. Bar Silver was still quoted at 28½d. per oz.; and in New York both the metal and Exchange on London were unchanged at 62 1/8 cents and 4·87¼ dollars, respectively. The price of Braziers' Copper was £56¼.

The total quantity of wheat afloat on Friday evening was 1,490,000 quarters, being 50,000 quarters less than at the end of the previous week.

Guzerat Yellow Rapeseed was quoted yesterday at 39½s. per 416lbs., May-June shipment, to Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk, buyers via the Canal, market firmer; Cawapore Yellow Rapeseed at 38s., same shipment, to the same ports, buyers via the Canal, market firm; Brown Rapeseed at 35½s. per 416lbs, April-May shipment, to Hamburg, buyers via the Canal, tone of the market firmer; Linseed at 34s. per 416lbs., May-June shipment, to Havre, buyers via the Canal, market firm.

Spot Mid.-American Cotton was 1-32d. higher in Liverpool yesterday at 4 3-32d., and Broach as well as the other descriptions of East Indians were also generally higher to about the same extent, while American Arrivals were all unchanged. The market closed firm, Surats firmer, and Arrival steady. The day's sales were 15,000 bales, of which 300 were East Indians, and the day's imports 29,000 bales. The Manchester market closed quiet but steady.

No change took place in New York in the price of Ready Mid.-Uplands nor in that of July Futures, 7 7-16 cents and 7·15 cents continuing to be quoted, respectively. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 10,000 bales, giving the following comparison between this season's arrivals to date and those in the corresponding periods of 1896 and 1895:—

	1897.	1896.	1895.
Tuesday's Receipts	10,000	8,000	14,000
Thursdays' Receipts.....	24,000	20,000	45,000
Since 1st Sept.	6,316,000	4,864,000	7,525,000

Locally, there has been less enquiry to-day in the Cotton market owing to sellers asking higher prices. Home orders are about 1-16 lower than rates ruling here. Official quotations are unchanged, and only 800 to 1000 bales have been reported sold.

WHEAT AND SEEDS continue utterly inanimate with no fresh business reported.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday, were as follows:—

Cotton	7,397 bales.
Wheat.....	9,233 cwts.
Linseed	1,547 "
Rapeseed	10,038 "
Gingellyseed.....	1,480 "
Poppyseed.....	1,491 "
Castorseed	509 "
Rice.....	8,874 "

FREIGHTS have again been very dull. It is reported that 3,000 tons have been booked for May shipment to Genoa, Havre, and Dunkirk, at 8s. 6d.

EXCHANGE has continued steady in tone at 1s. 3d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 1-8d. for three months' sight Credits. A moderate amount of Merchants' Bills were placed at the quotation, after which the rate was firmer, and 1s. 3 5-32d. was the best at which Banks were willing to buy. Some Bank Paper was placed ready and forward, and the market closed firm as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand...1s. 3 1-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic .....1s. 3 1-32d.	"
Do. 3 months' sight ...1s. 3 1-16d.	"
Credits do. .....1s. 3 1-8d.	"
Francs do. .....1·93½	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The market was quiet and quotations were given throughout the day at 101 9-16 for Money, 101½ for Account, for 3½ per Cents, and 97, nominal, for Threes, at which also they closed.

SHARES remain lifeless with no changes reported in prices.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 10th April compared with the Statement of 3rd April, 1897:—

LIABILITIES.	April 3. Rs.	April 10. Rs.
Capital.....	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	62,00,000	62,00,000
Deposits at Head Office.....	54,94,636	54,46,358
Do. do. at Branches	49,83,241	46,54,491
Other Deposits	2,74,01,449	2,86,68,514
Post Bills	8,323	7,874
Credits, undrawn	17,80,055	18,65,215
Rs...	5,51,66,109	5,68,42,452
ASSETS.		
Government Securities.....	1,02,61,239	1,05,32,213
Other authorised Securities	39,88,133	39,88,133
Credits, on Govt. and other authorised Securities.....	69,62,169	71,62,366
Loans do. do. do.	1,14,35,278	1,09,03,659
Bills Discounted and purchased ...	1,13,41,067	1,15,39,689
Dead Stock	4,12,415	4,12,415
Stamps and Stationery.....	21,777	22,151
Bullion	.....	.....
Balances with other Banks	4,90,776	2,32,297
Cash	1,05,52,250	1,20,58,524
Rs..	5,51,66,109	5,68,42,452

I. M. RAILWAY.

(Week ending 3rd April 1897.)

Description.	1897.	1896.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate Dec.
Miles Open	752	752	..	..	..	..
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Passengers,	41,350	41,414	...	3,064	...	88,746
Parcels, &c.	53,906	50,721	3,185	...	1,33,562	...
Goods						
Other earnings	7,997	13,004	...	5,007	...	15,745
Total for week	1,03,253	1,05,139	...	4,886	...	...
Aggregate...	13,78,139	13,49,038	...	...	29,971	...

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch, Rewari-Ferozepore and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)
Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 27th March 1897, on 1,673·94 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,18,000	2,80,000	4,000	4,00,000
Or per mile of Railway	71	167	3	239
For previous 11 weeks of half-year.	12,73,265	22,18,265	40,809	35,85,702
Total for 12 weeks..	13,91,628	24,98,265	44,809	35,85,702
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,70,921	2,63,411	7,657	4,41,989
Per mile of Ry. do.	102	157	5	264
Total to corresponding date do.	13,97,340	29,69,403	63,393	44,30,055

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 6th March, 1897, on 140·57 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,000	16,500	39	19,539
Or per mile of Railway	21	118	...	139
For previous 8 weeks of half-year.	28,461	1,36,720	949	1,66,130
Total for 9 weeks ...	31,461	1,53,221	979	1,85,669
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,432	29,237	81	23,811
Per mile of Ry. do.	29	176	1	205
Total to corresponding date do.	37,357	1,88,859	766	2,26,982

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 4,281
Ditto to date ..... " 41,322

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

(Open 1,491½ Miles.)
The following is the Statement of Traffic for week ending 13th March, 1897:—

	Coaching Traffic.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings
	Receipts.	Receipts.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total ...	1,55,039	4,95,740	6,516	6,57,315
Corresponding week last year. Open 1,491½ Miles.	—	—	—	7,69,191
Decrease				1,11,876

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BIRCH—April 4, at Dehra Dun, the wife of Captain A. H. C. Birch, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

DUNLOP—April 8, at Hosur, Salem District, the wife of W. J. Dunlop, of a son.

KURUPAM—April 9, at Uplands, Waltair, the Ranee of Kurupam, of a son.

ROBERTSON—April 3, "The Home," Woodlands, Coonoor, Nilgiris, the wife of J. H. Robertson, I.C.S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

KOETTLITZ—GOULDEN—April 6, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Venerable Archdeacon Welbore MacCarthy Robert Koettlitz, of The Cedars Tea Estate, Darjeeling, to Cicely Goulden.

DEATHS.

AITKINS—April 4, at Nagpur, Rebecca Aitkins, widow of the late John Aitkins, Madras Medical Establishment, in her 81st year.

NORTON—April 7, at Coonoor, Mary Teresa, the dearly beloved wife of T. P. Norton, Madras Police, aged 37 years, 3 months and 10 days.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1897.

MR. DADABHAI NAOROJI must now see that he was very ill-advised when during his cross-examination of Lord Wolseley he proceeded to state his own views of what that witness should think and say. He began to read a paper summing up what he conceived to be the real state of the case between England and India, and asked the Commander-in-Chief's opinion on questions then arising thereon. The Chairman of the Expenditure Commission naturally observed that the statement he was desirous of making a basis for the examination of the witness was not a question, and that if Mr. Dadabhai were to give evidence he might do so as a witness and be himself examined on it. Mr. Caine has since then designated the ex-member for Central Finsbury the Indian Gladstone. But the Old Parliamentary Hand would assuredly have been too wary in similar circumstances to step down from a quasi-judicial seat and himself give evidence, and be cross-examined by his own colleagues. Neither Sir William Wedderburn nor the "genial ruffian," Mr. Caine, would have given himself away such fatal facility. It is much easier to prepare conundrums at leisure and propound them at your own convenience than to answer queries intended to disclose the fact that your pet theories are largely based upon the generous delusions of a lifetime. Such an inversion of roles is of course as amusing to the looker-on as Mr. Anstey's *Vice Versa*. It is one thing to entrap a Field Marshal into the admission that he would be sorry to lead Her Majesty's Indian Army against European troops in a Continental war, and quite another to be called upon to explain how you can make a grievance out of the lightness of the taxation of the tax-payer in British India as compared with subjects of Native States who have to pay one-half the gross produce to their raj in lieu of the seven per cent. levied by the Collector Saheb. A Royal Commissioner who understood the privileges of his position would have thought twice and three times before descending from his vantage ground to explain that his only reason for failing to elicit anything supporting his views from the succession of high officials was that he had no full and complete knowledge of the matter and therefore did not know what to ask. That was a remarkable confession to make. Lord Welby found it difficult to understand how a public man who has given a great deal of attention to the subject should not have known enough to be able to elicit from a succession of official witnesses the disclosure of the weak points on which further information is required. "We have no information," said Mr. Dadabhai with engaging candour. "We have no information as to what the weak points are. We are unable to find them out for the simple reason that we have no information!"

This is said of the administration in India, where it is impossible to keep anything secret for twenty-four hours! Every department of the Government is practically under the unofficial surveillance of the bazaar, which knows what is transpiring before official telegrams reach their destination. If there be weak points in Indian administration criticism will never fail from want of information. The witness has been so long in England that he has evidently forgotten that critics in this country do not err through lack of knowledge, but from the curious incapacity to distinguish between the relevant and the irrelevant. The fact is hidden under the embellishment of fiction, and is too often indistinguishable from pure invention. When Mr. Dadabhai owns that he has no knowledge of the weak points of the administration in India, the public are entitled to conclude that when Mr. Dadabhai and his friend, Sir William Wedderburn, could not find anything to its detriment the only discovery possible is a mare's nest. Nevertheless, the witness assumed as a matter of course that this administrative machinery in which he could detect no weak points, no corruption, no laxity, no neglect of duty, "is most destructive in every way." So destructive that it has made India, formerly rich and well-governed, impoverished and degraded; so impoverished that "what is consumed in the country is consumed by somebody else than the Indian." By which we are to understand apparently that the harvests of India are not consumed by the three hundred millions of Indian peoples inhabiting the country, but by the hundred thousand Europeans who with Gargantuan appetite eat it all up, and leave scarce a crumb for the disinherited of the soil. This machinery of administration, the defects and weaknesses of which are concealed from him, the witness is quite satisfied, is bleeding the country to death, producing a financial, political, and intellectual drain, that leaves India without brains and without capital. The witness holds that he has proved that India is helpless and has no capital, and resents Sir James Peile's reminder that instead of proof he has only given an assertion. Is it true that India has no capital? Take the cotton mill industry of the Bombay Presidency. There are one hundred and two mills, the shares of which are nearly all in the hands of natives of the country. The dividends falling to the lot of European investors are not ten per cent. of those "fructifying" in the pockets of the Indian capitalists. It is the same in the leading branches of trade. The grain-dealers of Mandvie have the virtual monopoly of that business; the cotton trade is mostly in the hands of shroffs.

When Messrs. Killick Nixon obtained concessions for the construction of railways native capitalists covered the amount required for the undertakings several times over. This year famine in the mofussil and plague in Bombay have chilled enterprise. But for some years past, it has been well known that a vast amount of accumulated capital was seeking profitable investment, and not always in vain. Nor is this confined to Bombay. On the other side of India also capital has been rapidly accumulating, and it is for the most part in the hands of natives of the country. They are the investors who readily take up Government loans even at three per cent., offering four times the amount required. Take the condition of the cultivating class in normal years. It is a matter of common knowledge that throughout India the ryots are better lodged now than they used to be; that the number of ploughs, of carts, and of cattle have been steadily increasing; and that the standard of comfort is improving. The statistics of the Settlement Officers and of the Agricultural Department and other evidence, establish that fact beyond doubt or cavil. Where then is this impoverishment and degradation of India of which Mr. Hyndman talks with the glib assurance of absolute ignorance, and Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji takes for granted. It is part of the indictment against the present system that British India only pays Rs. 2-12 per head of the population, while people in England—the England of the Submerged Tenth—pay £1-6 per head "for efficient and good government." The people of British India are the most lightly taxed in the world. It is actually made a ground of reproach that the taxation in the Native States is four times as heavy as that in British India. Mr. Dadabhai's panacea for this and all other grievances is the eventual reduction of the European element in the British administration to the Viceroy and a few of the higher officials, and the elimination of that element from the Army. Then India will be able to tax herself to any requisite amount and give herself "efficient and good government." The Pindari will not trouble; the Russian will not sap up in the direction of the North-Western Frontier. These be visions indeed.

DISCIPLES of the Temperance party will find much to interest them in the report of the Liquor Licensing Laws Commission—an immense Blue-Book of five hundred pages which has just been issued at home. A moderate amount of alcohol has been strongly recommended as a preservative against plague, and in order to save the inconveniences inseparable from inoculation, more than one teetotaller in Bombay has latterly developed into a moderate drinker, and more than one moderate drinker has degenerated into—a drinker of less moderation than before. Lest the development or degeneration go further, let us give our abstemious friends the benefit of the revelations of the Blue-Book we have referred to. They need not consume whiskey or brandy or gin if they desire to introduce a moderate amount of alcohol into their systems. All they need do is to stand by their aforetime favoured beverages, those sold without a pang, drunk without stint, and if they like without even a modicum of ice, in the manufacture of which insidious ether is utilised. Temperance drinks, as heretofore stated, and obstinately denied, are found by the Government analysts to contain a larger proportion of alcohol than various brands of so-called spirits which are imported and retailed in this country. Mr. Bannister, Deputy Principal of the Inland Revenue Branch of the Government Laboratory, is responsible for this statement. But he dared not make it at home and in a Government document, if he were not absolutely sure of his facts. He reports on the analysis of some herb beer bought of a shopkeeper, a woman, who had no license. The sample on analysis was found to contain 11 per cent. of alcohol. The magistrates would not convict the woman who sold it. They came to the conclusion that she was "not selling beer," and so she got off. A "Blue Ribbon drink," examined at Somerset House in 1895, contained close upon 3 per cent. of proof spirit; parsnip beer contained nearly 14 per cent., which is more than is contained in ordinary English beer. The proof spirit in larger proportions than in the blue ribbon drink was found in "horehound beer," "bicycling tonic," "temperance beer," and so on. They were sold innocently enough. The fact is nature by fermentation made even the temperance drinks alcoholic. Ginger beer, a favourite teetotal beverage in this country, is found to contain from five and a-half to eight and a-half per cent. of proof-spirit. "Medical porter," another villainous but undefined potion, has as much as seven per cent. Botanic beer, dandelion stout, and the innocuous orangeade yield from six to eight per cent. And not merely the drinks, but the sweets that more or less innocent children are in the habit of consuming in larger quantities than is good for them, are, alas! not free from alcohol. The succulent pear-drop reeks of fusel oil. This fluid is used for making the acetate or amyl that is used for flavouring the pear-drops, so that probably in eating half-a-pound of pear drops, it is calculated that a child would take more alcohol than in drinking a good peg of Scotch whiskey! It is terrible to think that every unsuspecting child who revels in pear-drops unconsciously stands on the brink of a drunkard's grave. Men must drink, and women too, and seeing this is so, why should they not consume sound wholesome liquor by whatever name they may call it? As for these non-alcoholic beverages which they have pinned their faith to, it is declared by Mr. Bannister that many of them are imperfectly fermented, therefore unwholesome and injurious. Mr. Bannister is sure that they are not wholesome when they are fermented; there is such a very poor or impure ferment used in them. No one ever said that of good wine or beer, or spirits, and since something besides water and tea must be drunk, a certain amount of alcohol is consumed willy-nilly by every teetotaller who goes beyond the crystal spring. Fortunately, there is time to suggest to them that lemonade and tonic as manufactured in India have not been proclaimed dangerous, and it will not cost much to have them analysed. One thing, however, is certain: If these beverages do not contain alcohol, they contain microbes.

THE Telegraph signallers of Bombay have sent in to Government a memorial seeking redress of their grievances, which seem to be real and to call for redress. The text of the memorial is reproduced at length in our news columns, but the main points of it may be briefly stated. The long working hours constitute the first complaint. It seems that the men have to put in 56 hours per week as compared with 34 hours put in by other Government servants. These 56 hours mean that every minute is employed in work, no relief being permitted during the term of duty—six hours at a stretch. The signallers are further compelled to work on Sundays and holidays without any compensation or extra pay. Then the restrictions placed on privilege and other leave are regarded as entailing great hardships on the men. Signallers who work night and day, Sundays and holidays, are debarred from the enjoyment of the one leave that the Civil Leave Code entitles them to. The work in the Bombay office, it is further stated, is so heavy that the staff is unequal to it. More than three-fourths of the men are declared to be suffering from dyspepsia brought on by the irregular hours of attendance and the heavy work, while many suffer from debility and other nervous disorders. Representations have it seems been made by the Superintendents of the office at various times and they have been requested to increase the staff, but the Director-General has not yet taken any heed of them. It was stated in last year's Annual Report of the Department, that the work was done with 180 men short of the sanctioned number, so that there seems to be no reason why the vacancies should not be filled up and the staff put on a proper basis. Other grievances are enumerated, but these are the most important of the many causes of discontent.

FOREIGN enterprise in China is never encouraged, and frequently terminates in serious consequences for adventurers. Thus the China papers to hand this week tell of an enterprise that failed. Two "expectant officials" cast covetous eyes on the petroleum wells at Szechuan and engaged a French expert to go with them and exploit the wells. They then organised in the name of the Chinamen a syndicate to work them, but as a foreigner may not embark in any commercial enterprise in the interior of China and no Chinaman may join with any foreigner in commerce in the interior, trouble arose. The syndicate had several hundred thousand taels' capital, and the Chinamen obtained leave of the Viceroy at Nanking to proceed with their work. They had no sooner reached the wells, however, than they were arrested on the allegation of Chang, the Customs Taotai of Chunking, that the men had no capital at all, and that the whole of the money belonged to the Frenchman. The Frenchman appealed to his Consul at Pekin and claims seventy-five thousand taels damage from the Nanking Viceroy. Unfortunately for his claim, however, one of the French expert's Chinese colleagues performed the happy despatch rather than run the risk of the bastinado, whilst the second has been cashiered from Government service preliminary to "facing the music." The petroleum wells at Szechuan are likely to remain unexploited for some time longer.

*** GOOD FRIDAY being one of our two annual holidays, there will be no issue of the *Bombay Gazette* on Saturday morning. Communications intended for Friday morning's edition should be sent in

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE FIGHTING ON THE GREEK FRONTIER.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

Nothing definite is yet known as to the results of the Greek invasion of Turkish territory.

The Greeks maintain they have captured Baltino and Bozovo, and are advancing victoriously; whereas the Porte affirms that they have re-crossed the frontier.

THE CRETAN DEADLOCK.

The negotiations between the Powers and Turkey in regard to Crete are in *statu quo* owing to the Turco-Greek situation.

GREEK FUNDS NEARLY EXHAUSTED.

The Greek exchequer is nearly exhausted, and it appears that the only resource left is an internal loan, which would only be obtainable by provoking war and thus appealing to the patriotism of the nation.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY AND BIMETALLISM.

NEW YORK, APRIL 13.

President McKinley has appointed three Commissioners to visit Europe with a view to promoting an International Bimetallic Agreement.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

The damage done by the Mississippi floods does not exceed thirteen million dollars.

THE GOVERNMENT AT SIMLA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

The Commander-in-Chief arrived this evening, under the usual salute, and the Highland Light Infantry Band is expected shortly.

The Government is now completely reassembled, and work is in full swing. It is not certain when the Legislative Council will meet, but probably not before July, unless anything urgent or unforeseen occurs or the introduction of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Criminal Procedure Code, which Sir Henry Prinsep has completed, requires an earlier meeting.

The season is not likely to be a heavy one.

The season has now fairly commenced. The first Gymkhana takes place on the 17th, and the Amateur Dramatic Company begin playing at the end of the month. Simla is very full, and will be crowded shortly, and a very gay season is anticipated.

The weather is now warm and somewhat unsettled, but clouds are gathering and promise rain.

THE PESTILENCE IN POONA.

POONA, APRIL 14.

There were 18 new cases and 3 deaths in the city, to-day. The total mortality was 22.

In the Special Plague Hospital 14 were admitted, and 10 died, leaving 202 under treatment. In the Hindu Hospital 3 were admitted, 2 died, and 32 remain under treatment. In the Mahomedan Hospital 7 were admitted, and 1 died, leaving 71 under treatment.

The Military Search Party resumed their operation in the city, to-day, and their labour resulted in the discovery of 8 cases and one corpse; while 4,115 houses were seached, 18 fumigated, and 54 lime-washed.

The Municipal Medical inspectors discovered 8 cases, two being found in the cantonment.

THE OUTBREAK AT SUKKUR.

SUKKUR, APRIL 14.

On the 13th, 10 cases and 10 deaths were reported at Sukkur.

The total number of plague cases up to date was 702, of which 417 proved fatal.

A Military Search Party, headed by the Collector and other Civil and Medical officers, made a house-to-house visitation on the Bunder Road, but no concealed cases were found.

Arrangements for the disinfection of all arrivals by rail at Sukkur, Shikarpur, and Khanpur will be completed in a day or so.

THE RECENT THEFT AT KANGEISSER'S.

A considerable portion of jewellery, to the value of several thousands of Rupees, has been recovered of that stolen from Kangeisser's jewellary shop. The thief was a khansama, with an accomplice.

MAHOMEDANS AND THE PLAGUE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

SIDHPUR, APRIL 14.

A large influential meeting of the leading members of the Borah community was held in the Alibaug, in which a resolution was passed to thank Mr. Adamjee Peerbhoy for opening the Plague and Fever Hospital, and for his past charities, amounting to many lakhs of rupees.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

COLOMBO, APRIL 14.

Orient mail steamer Austral, from Australia, arrived.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Poseidon left Karachi for Bombay on the 13th inst., afternoon, and is expected to arrive here this morning.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 13.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats firmer.

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The Manchester Market has been quite but steady.

2½ per cent. Consols	112 3-16,
3 per cent. Rentes	102 3-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	118
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	63 1-8
Bar Silver	29½

The sum of about £300,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

APRIL 14.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, interrupted.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.

Telegrams for Equador are subject to censure at Guayaquil.

Page three of Supplement for March, Press rates to Penang and Singapore reduced to eleven annas per word.

Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond the British frontier between Tali and Yunnan.

Line Saigon-Bangkok interrupted.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of foreign messages received at Bombay, from the United Kingdom, during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 14th April, 1897.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	13	5	4 p.m.	5	20
Teheran	14	2	49 p.m.	...	16
Suez	14	2	55 p.m.	...	6

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 14th April, 1897.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	..	33	..	1
" Karachi	..	29	..	1
" Madras	..	8	..	1

THE CYCLE AT HOME.

LONDON, MARCH 26.

SUSAN, Countess of Malmesbury, has contributed an excellent article on the subject of cycling to a foremost ladies' weekly. In referring to the remarkable change in society views towards the pastime, her ladyship says: "Bicycling was long considered as quite unfit for a gentleman, while no woman in her wildest dreams ever contemplated such a thing. Various ladies now claim to have been the first to lead the assault. Prejudice spent the whole force of its rage on the devoted heads of the pioneers in this sport, as it has done in others and with the same result.

Strong testimoney in support of the cycle as a restorer of domestic happiness is also given by the Countess. "I have known cases where peace has been restored to households where it has long been a stranger simply from the entry of this new interest or recreation into the life of one or more of its members."

I hear that the more prominent American firms have decided to run a cycling paper in London for the purpose of pushing their wares. It will take more than any newspaper editor is capable of to make American machines and single-tube tyres go in England. Those who invested in Yankees last season are now looking out eagerly for purchasers at any price. Needless to say, a second-hand American bicycle can only be sold at a sweeping sacrifice.

The serious epidemic of cycle shows, which broke out over the United Kingdom during the past four months has now happily subsided. In the colonies, however, it looks as though there would be a further outbreak. I hear that Brisbane is to be one of the towns likely to suffer in a considerable degree. Several firms have sent out consignments for shows there.

Cycle camps organized on a large scale do not seem to be successes. The Harrogate and Scarboro' cyclists are now mourning over a considerable loss in connection with the Meet of 1896 at the latter popular resort. In spite of this, however, the losers are content to play at the game once more, and the tent-life will again be enjoyed during the August holidays.

Those in racing circles are looking forward to the contemplated visit to England of riders from the antipodes. Except they arrive early, so that lengthy training may render them thoroughly fit for our fast tracks, Australasians need not expect to be overburdened with cash and prizes on their return journey. Another important fact to be remembered is that professional races will be held with less frequency here during the coming season. Even former enthusiastic supporters of the "pro.," such as the Catford C.C., are fighting shy of the expense entailed by catering for the cash rider.

The Cyclists' Touring Club has reached that dizzy height of magnificence enabling it to turn up its proud nose at coffee taverns. It has decided to delete the lists of those useful institutions in its handbooks, thus depriving its oldest, if not so aristocratic, members of the opportunity of getting board and lodging on a more economic footing than that likely to be met with at those houses of entertainment for man and beast, yclept hotels. Opulence is very apt to give us big notions.

The famous Herne Hill track will now have a bright chance of regaining the favour it once enjoyed amongst sport promoters. Wood has gone under and cement now reigns in its stead. The new surface is of the most up-to-date pattern for speed. The banking has a convex surface which does not win the approval of some experts, but some of the fastest French tracks are so designed, and it only remains for a series of practical tests to prove whether Herne Hill is faster or not than Crystal Palace. The banking has been increased to a super-elevation of eight feet. The winning straight is now widened to 30 ft.

Still another explanation of the "Stabbing Affray at Olympia," vide evening newspapers. It appears that Mdlle. Eglee, the alleged victim, had been to a doctor to have an abscess on her cheek lanced. She met a friend, who asked the reason of her bandaged face. In explaining, not being a perfect mistress of English, she somewhat naturally used the word "stabbed" instead of "lanced." The friend explained to somebody else. Bit by bit the story gathered new features, until it finally culminated, aided, no doubt, by some enterprising youth into a "Terrible Stabbing Affray, with Portrait of the Victim!" It is much easier to make news than history!

The announcement that various persons in New South Wales and South Australia have illegally pirated and secured registration for the trade marks of many well-known English makers came as a great surprise to the trade. It is certainly very hard on any manufacturer to discover, after going to the expense of opening a trade in Australia, that some "smart" man is already using the Englishman's trade mark on an inferior make of machine.

Two prominent members of the staff of a well-known cycle firm have discovered a method of connecting aluminium tubes with the lugs of the frame thus overcoming one of the greatest difficulties in the manipulation of aluminium tubing for cycle construction. The method is very simple and is equally applicable to steel tubing. An important point is that the joint is detachable, enabling the machine to be taken asunder whenever necessary. Several prominent men in the trade have expressed a most favourable opinion of the invention.

The fancy dress cycling carnivals at Olympia can hardly be said to be an unqualified success. Londoners have been so accustomed to see so much gorgeousness of spectacle at the great Addison Road building that the rather poor show of fancy costumes seen paltry and shabby in comparison. At the same time these "carnivals" attract a fair number of visitors, who would otherwise not feel inclined to go so far westwards. I doubt very much if the tournament is putting any profit into Olympia coffers, for the attendance, save on Saturdays, has been rather slack.

W. J. Peall, the billiard champion, whose match with Roberts has been one of the latest London sensations, is an enthusiastic cyclist. He declares that, although he rides regularly, he never finds his nerves to suffer in the least from vibration. He is certain that, although handing a cue satisfactorily requires a steady nerve, his nicety of stroke is not affected. He gives an instance which occurred some six years ago, when playing a big match at the Royal Aquarium. He had been riding all the morning on a solid tyred safety, and being delayed had to "sprint" for miles to get back to the Aquarium in time. He arrived with not even a moment to spare to change his knickers, and played in them, making a break of over 1,300.

Lord Lansdowne, accompanied by Gen. Ducat, has been enjoying a cycling tour in the pretty north Hampshire county round Hazelby.

Sandow, the champion strong man, has been breathing forth challenges to all sorts and conditions of cyclists. He rather immodestly announces that he is good enough to beat any rider in the world in a contest requiring strength and endurance. As Sandow's challenge has been made publicly, several prominent professional riders have lost no time in stating that they are ready to meet the man of muscle. Amongst the would-be acceptors of the challenge are Stocks, and Huret, the employers of the latter having stated their willingness to back their man for £1,000, how, where, and when, as Sandow likes.

It is very pleasing to note that the National Cyclists Union appears anxious to do something for the ordinary rider, as well as the racing man upon whom most of their attention has been lavished in the past. The proposal as to the formation of a Pastime Board, to look closely after matters chiefly concerning the non-racing section—and what a vast section it is!—of the cycling community, is a step in the right direction. It has often distinguished riders in general that the racing should sum the Alpha and Omega of the cycling legislature. There are many matters in connection with the pastime neglected sadly as far as the N. C. U. has been concerned, but now let us hope that the Pastime Board, when formed, will put its shoulder to the wheel of social cycling, and spin it along merrily to the advantage of all riders. It occurs to me that the P. B. will want to keep very wide awake to be of any service—any slumbering will be fatal.

I understand that tandem riding will be indulged in by ladies in fashionable circles during the coming season. There are already several pairs of ladies to be seen in Hyde Park in the morning. It seems the peculiar fancy of each couple to present a twin-like appearance. They dress exactly alike, their costumes even in the smallest detail corresponding; pretty patent leather shoes with silver buckles, and smart hats with identical trimming. A writer in a fashionable journal suggests that two lady tandem riders who look entirely different from each other in build and dress, and who have not an equal form of ankle action, should not entertain the idea of riding together unless they want to attract unpleasant remarks.

Richmond Park is a very favourite "scorching" ground for those riders whose backs resemble that of the angry cat. On Sunday morning scores of young gentlemen, looking very hot, are to be seen "hanging on" to tandems, triplets, and even quadruplets, driven by ambitious-looking youths at very fast speed, much to the inconvenience and alarm of those riders whose pace is not so fiery, for the speed merchants are never over-particular in carrying out the rules of the road. For some time this grievance of moderate cyclists who wish to enjoy the beauties of Richmond Park has remained "wropt up" in their bosoms. But now some one has taken the trouble to write to the "Morning Post" to let the world know what he suffers. The authorities have therefore decided to act promptly in dealing with the young gentlemen of exaggerated pace, and it is to be hoped that their action will have a salutary effect, for there is no form of nuisance so unbearable as the "scorcher."

Nearly all the new Olympia times have been put up this year. The official list of records has been returned as follows:—One lap, 1 1 1-5th secs., Chase; one mile, 1 min. 53 2-5ths secs., Chase; two miles, 3 min. 52 2-5ths secs., Chase; three miles, 5 min. 48 4-5ths secs., Armstrong; four miles, 7 min. 47 4-5ths secs., Armstrong; five miles, 9 min. 59 secs., Michael; ten miles, 20 min. 15 2-5ths secs., Michael. The fastest three laps unpaced is 36 4-5ths secs., or with a standing start, 40 2-5ths secs., both performances being Barden's. Olympia records are now all held by Dunlop tyres.

GOVERNMENT AND RAILWAY PROJECTS.

A GOVERNMENT resolution was issued yesterday, relative to information to be laid before the Government of India when submitting railway projects a for consideration at the Conference to be assembled each year:—

Read the following letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 708, dated 10th March 1897:—

With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of your letter to Colonels J.G.Lindsay, R.E., and A.J. Filgate R.E., No. 164-R.C., dated 25th January 1897, a copy of which was received with your memorandum No. 152-R.C., dated 25th January 1897, and also with reference to the last sentence of your telegram No. 157-R.C., dated 26th January 1897, I am directed to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, a copy of a letter from the Agent, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, No. 2225-W., dated 3rd March 1897.

In doing so I am directed to ask that, if possible, this Government may be favoured with full information as to the amount of information that it is in any case necessary to submit to the Government of India before 15th May in any year.

The procedure hitherto followed may be roughly described as follows:—

When any railway project has generally commended itself to this Government as giving reasonable hopes of being useful and remunerative, the Government of India has been addressed about the project before any survey has, as a rule, been made for it is obviously undesirable to spend money on a project that the Government of India would be unwilling to entertain, especially if the line were a long one.

"It is, therefore, presumed that the Government of India does not necessarily want plans and estimates at all, but only desires to know what lines of railway have been suggested, with such remarks on them as the possibly imperfect information, available at the time, will permit this Government to offer; and I am to ask if this view is correct, or, if not, if the Government of India can give this Government a statement of what is absolutely necessary.

"It seems obvious that a private company, for example, would not face the great expense of surveying, say, 200 miles of line, unless there were a reasonable prospect of its being sanctioned; so that, apparently, it is intended that even unsurveyed projects will be considered at the Conference in the summer."

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 523-R. C., dated 24th March 1897:—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 708, dated 10th March 1897, forwarding, for consideration and orders, copy of a letter from the Agent, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, on the subject of the information to be laid before the Government of India when submitting railway projects for consideration at the Conference to be assembled each year, and asking that the Government of Bombay may be favoured with full information as to the amount of information that it is, in any case, necessary to submit to the Government of India before the 15th May in any year.

"2. In reply, I am to say, that the view expressed in paragraph 4 of your letter under reply is in accord with that of the Government of India, and to explain that it will be sufficient if all the information at the disposal of the person making proposals, or that can be obtained by him without undue delay, should be such as will enable the Conference to form a judgment as to whether the proposed scheme is a promising one or otherwise. The Conference may either reject a scheme entirely, or suggest that a survey should be made, or, if surveys and estimates are completed, may recommend a scheme for early construction. The Conference can only deal with a proposal so far as the information supplied enables it to go."

Resolution.—To be communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and to the Railway Administrations under the control of this Government.

P. W. D. OFFICERS IN FOREIGN SERVICE.

THE following Resolution by the Government of India in the Public Works Department is published:—

Under the note to para. I of Resolution, dated 21st August, 1893, all officers graded as Chief Engineers and seconded from the Public Works Department, holding appointments of corresponding rank and responsibility in foreign service, are eligible for an additional pension of Rs. 1,000 a year; and, under the Resolution of 2nd December, 1895, officers lent to Municipalities, Port Trusts and Local Boards are eligible for *pari passu* promotion with their contemporaries in Government service through the Assistant and Executive Engineer grades, and also to the Superintending and Chief Engineer classes subject to the conditions therein stated. They are also eligible after such promotion to the special pensions admissible under the provisions of Article 714, Civil Service Regulations or Finance and Commerce Department Resolution No 3591 P. dated 21st August 1896.

2. Hitherto it has been the practice for officers in foreign service other than that referred to in the Resolution of 2nd December, 1895, that is those lent to Native States and Railway companies, to receive *pari passu* promotion from grade to grade, in their turn, when recommended for such promotion.

Their promotion to the Superintending and chief Engineer classes and corresponding classes in the Superior Accounts Establishment and Superior Revenue Establishment of State Railways has been subject to the two conditions laid down for similar promotion, in para. 2 of the Resolution of 2nd December, 1895, quoted above, namely:

That the appointments they hold under the foreign employer are of equal rank and responsibility with those of the classes and grades named above to which it is proposed to promote them; and that their qualifications are such as would have entitled them to promotion to the same classes and grades under the Government rules.

This practice will continue, and the conditions are now published for general information.

3. Such promotion may be either substantive, substantively for a time or temporary and supernumerary, as the case may be, and should be properly notified, so that the service in the specified classes and grades may be recorded as at the officer's credit.

Effective service of officers in foreign employ, promoted in the manner above described to the classes named, qualifies for the special pensions admissible under the provisions of Article 714, Civil Service Regulations, or Finance and Commerce Department Resolution No. 3597. P., dated 21st August, 1896, as the case may be, on the same conditions as apply to officer in Government service.

Note—A temporary and supernumerary promotion is the promotion of a seconded officer *pari passu* with his junior in a vacancy caused by furlough.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE weekly meeting of the Municipal Standing Committee was held yesterday afternoon. Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna presided, and there were also present: Messrs. T. W. Caffe, R. H. Vincent, Fazulbhoy Visram, K. M. Shroff, Professor O. V. Muller, Dr Cowasji Hormusji, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Dr. A. G. Viegas, and Mr. K. N. Kabraji.

SALE OF PORT TRUST BONDS.

The Committee recorded memorandum from the Commissioner forwarding letter to himself from the Chief Accountant, No. 117, of same date, reporting that 4 per cent. Bombay Port Trust Bonds for Rs. 5,00,000, repayable in 1922, have been re-purchased from the Bank of Bengal at par, and a contract for the sale of the same to the Bank on 1st June next, at 100 9-4 per cent. has also been furnished by the Municipal Brokers, Messrs. Merwanji and Byramji, whereby the Municipality will obtain net interest on the sum of Rs. 5,00,000, at 3½ per cent. per annum. The contract for the sale of the bonds is subject to the conditions mentioned in the Standing Committee's Resolution No. 14673 of the 31st ultimo as regards the sale of the bonds to the Bank of Bengal earlier than 1st June 1897, as may be required from time to time.

BAI DINBAI PETIT HALL.

The Committee considered Resolution of the Corporation, as under:—"That, with reference to the Commissioner's letter dated 19th March, the Corporation will be prepared, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, to sanction (1) the payment to Government of Rs. 1,40,955 for the site of the 'Bai Dinbai Hall,' as an advance from other loan funds, pending the inclusion of the sum of Rs. 1,40,955 in a loan; and (2) the payment as an advance of Rs. 3,500 until Bai Dinbai's donation towards the new Hall is received to provide for the cost of establishment for preparing the plans and estimates of the building."

Mr. Kabraji begged to point out that the hall was not to be called "Bai Dinbai Hall." The lady was the donor, but the hall was to be called after her husband, the late Mr. Nusserwanji Petit.

The chairman admitted that it was so, but the Committee had no power to change the name or make any alteration in the resolution of the Corporation. However, Mr. Kabraji could draw the Corporation's attention to the fact.

It was then resolved to recommend the Corporation to give the necessary sanction.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with a notice of motion, Dr. Katrak moved "That four Sub-Committees, each of three members, be appointed, and that the members of each Sub-Committee shall arrange among themselves at the commencement of each month to take charge of and move at the meetings of the Corporation all the resolutions of the Standing Committee which are included in the Agenda Paper of the Corporation of that month; each Committee to take up this work by turns."

Mr. Kabraji seconded the motion only with a view to elicit the Committee's opinion on the matter, as no other member was desirous of seconding it. But the discussion which ensued indicated that members were against its adoption, and Dr. Katrak withdrew it.

MR. JAMES' TRANSFER.

In consequence of Mr. C. C. James having been transferred to the Plague Committee, the Standing Committee sanctioned an increase of Rs. 350 per mensem to the salary of Mr. J. W. Smith, whilst in charge of the office of the Drainage Engineer, in addition to his own duties.

After transacting some more business, the Committee adjourned.

THE HORRORS OF CALLING.

MANY unsuccessful efforts have been made in years gone by to effect some change in "calling" during the season in the hills. Residents in Simla, for example, find the tax upon their time a very heavy one, for several hundred calls have to be made and returned, and the distances are so long, the hills to be climbed or the *khuds* to be descended so steep, that the round becomes infinitely wearisome. There is, besides, no assurance that the task will be completed within a fixed period. Mrs. A. journeys to the remotest corner to call on Mrs. B.; a week later she discovers that Mrs. C., who has only just arrived, has called, and that her residence is next to Mrs. B.'s. Again the journey has to be made, and this may happen yet a third time later in the season. In fact calling lasts the whole six months: it is never ending, for visitors come and go, and custom prescribes that all calls must be returned. It matters not that Mrs. A., B. and C. are all well known to each other: that one or other has been in Simla for the winter, while her friends have been in the plains. There is the unwritten but hitherto inviolable law that visits must be exchanged when the season begins again. Once upon a time a proposal was made that there should be a kind of "clearing-house" in the central part of the station whereat cards might be left; but nothing came of this, even though it was supported in high quarters. Again, the plan of "At Homes" was proposed and rejected. There are only seven days in the week, and they would not go round where hundreds of ladies were concerned, not to mention the prejudice against calling except between the sacred hours of twelve and two o'clock. So some advise, in pleading sunshine or in drifting rain, the call of duty has to be responded to, from April to October, and even at the end some calls are often left unpaid. This season a Movement has been set on foot in Simla which may bear good fruit, if accepted in the spirit of the originators of it. It is proposed that residents and visitors who have, in former years or in other places, interchanged visits, shall now be permitted to exchange cards by post or messenger. The cards are to be accepted as notifying an arrival of those who send them, together with place of residence, the recognised custom being for new-comers to call on residents or upon those who have arrived again after absence. There is really a precedent for this change, as it is permissible already to send *p. p. c.* cards by post or by hand. No compulsion whatever is intended; those who prefer to make their calls in time-honoured fashion can still do so. A circular has been issued, with the object of ascertaining to what extent residents and visitors are willing to agree among themselves to adopt a practice which will lighten the demands on their time, and give them some opportunity of spending the mid-day hours at home. As fifty names have already been affixed to the circular, a very good start has been made, and there should be a reasonable hope that this sensible reform will be carried out. New-comers, staggers altogether to Simla, may perhaps consider that it is rather a one-sided arrangement; but it is nothing of the kind. They would, in any case, have to make an extensive round of calls in order to form a circle of acquaintances and friends, and they will find far more people at home than under existing conditions, which simply promote "box-hunting." These calls will, of course, be returned and probably far more promptly than would have been the case under the old regime. We trust there will be no misapprehension of the motives which have prompted the movement: it has its origin not in any selfish consideration, but simply in a desire to prevent an exchange of courtesies intended to make life brighter and pleasanter from becoming an intolerable burden.—*Pioneer.*

MILITARY NEWS.

THE following appointments have been made:—2nd Bengal Lancers.—Lieutenant H. H. F. Turner, Squadron Officer, to be Adjutant, vice James vacated on promotion. 4th Punjab Infantry.—Lieutenant E. W. B. Gray, Wing Officer, to be Adjutant. 9th Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant O. C. Argles, Wing Officer, to be Quarter Master. 9th Gurkha Rifles.—Lieutenant C. McL. Porteous, Wing Officer, to be Quarter-Master. 30th Punjab Infantry.—Lieutenant A. Ward S. C., to be Officiating Wing Officer. 43rd Gurkha Rifles.—Lieutenant A. C. Wall, from 9th B.I. to be Officiating Wing Officer. 39th Bombay Infantry Lieutenant C. U. Price, Wing Officer, to be Adjutant, vice Jacob, vacated on promotion.

THE following are permitted to return to duty:—Majors W. E. Sturges, D. A. A. G. for Musketry, Montelth, 7th Bombay Cavalry, Captain Bryan, R. A., No. 4 Punjab Mountain Battery, Lieutenants Bateman-Champain, 1st Gurkhas, Ralph, 7th M. I., Sexton, 10th Bombay Infantry, Beadon, 4th Sikh Infantry, Hodgson, 17th M. I., Chaplin, 8th B. C., Second-Lieutenant E. G. D. deLabilliere, 38th Dogras.

THE following remain at home on extended leave:—Captain Southey, 33rd Bom. Infantry, 3 months, Surgeon Captain Luard, 45th Sikhs, 6 months.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

A TOOTHSOME SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, I respectfully beg to suggest the erection of "The Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Dental Hospital," a long-felt want of our city. Hoping that the suggestion will commend itself to the general public, and particularly to the medical profession, who, if they take up the matter in right earnest, will certainly have the object in view fulfilled, and we shall ere long see the corner-stone of the Dental Hospital laid by a "Hospital Loving" Governor H. E. Lord Sandhurst, before he lays down the reigns of the Government of this Presidency.—Yours, &c.,

April 14. KHORSHED.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

TUESDAY NIGHT.—APRIL 13,

10 p.m. ... 82·3

WEDNESDAY.—APRIL 14.

6 a.m.	79·3
10 a.m.	85·5
2 p.m.	87·6
6 p.m.	86·7

REFLECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE PREVAILING EPIDEMIC.

BY MR. D. GOSTLING.

MR. GOSTLING writes to us:—During my daily inspections as a visiting justice, with Mr. S. M. Moses, in Pedder Road, Gibbs Road, Nepean Hill Road, and Ridge Road, I have been thankful to notice how great an improvement has been manifest in the health of this district. We have been visiting for three weeks, and are now in our fourth. On our first day's inspection, we sent off one case from Mr. Moses' own compound, and on our second day another from the same compound. From that day to now we have not come across a single case. The servants and house-keepers are glad to see us. They seem grateful for our taking the trouble to go among them. Sometimes we come across a suspicious case, but neither men nor women have any objection to our occasional touching their faces or holding their wrists to count the pulse, and satisfy ourselves whether or not they show signs of fever. One, then, feels a real pleasure in being able to tell them, "You are quite well, do not fear." In going into their rooms, I used to ask them "Are any sick" (*Koi bhimar hai*), and would get the answer, "No, no one is sick." But the middle of last week, I got the reply from one room, "By the blessing of God, no one is sick." Since that day I have got the same reply, with variations, from four other bungalows, the majority replying, "By the blessing of God, all are well." This reiterated answer from different parts of Malabar and Cumballa hills shows that the servants are talking among themselves and beginning to feel that a Power higher than themselves is looking after and watching over them, and that in this power is a refuge from the trouble which has been oppressing them. As one should not give out thoughts of possible evil, but rather suggest good, I do not now ask them, "Are any of you ill," but rather, "Are you all well," and that question prompts the cheerful reply above described. An incident worthy of remark occurred to me yesterday. I was taking my bicycle down the steps of one of the B. B. suburban stations, and as I cannot easily lift it, I politely asked a fairly-dressed Musalman youth, who was standing on the top step, to help me to carry it down, which he did at once. I then thanked him in the usual way, "Excuse me for giving you this trouble." To this he replied, "It is nothing, your and my father are one." For the moment I did not grasp the meaning of the remark, for we English have been unaccustomed to use religious expressions in our conversation; but as I was moving away, I felt that he was alluding to our Father in Heaven, being the one Father of all that breathe, no matter what the community in which they happen to be born, or the religion they may in consequence be brought up in, and I thanked him in my heart for the good wishes and kindly fellings implied in his answer. As the different visiting justices take separate beats, we do not often see each other. I, therefore, looked through the divisional doctor's register, and found that during the past seven days there had been only one case per day in Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill, and two to three cases per day in Mahaluxmi and Cumballa Hill, the cases being mostly restricted to the native towns of Walkeshwar and Mabaluxmi. I, therefore, thank God and take courage, feeling sure that the worst is now over and that we are on the high road to convalescents. We have been badly smitten in my compound, seven cases and six deaths, all among the Maratha horsekeepers, the gardener, and the Guzerathi sweepers, not one of the Surti servants having been touched. Notwithstanding their immunity these last all cleared up as also the washerman, and left us with one substitute hamal and one new cook to carry on the household work. This was more than my family could bear; they also left, and I am by myself, save one kind friend who chums with me in my solitude.

It seems to me that we shall all get in a mid or severer form and that the stress of the disease in each particular case will depend upon the greater or less fear we inwardly feel, due to our greater or less proximity to fatal cases. Some there are who, through constitutional temperament, or through the calm courage induced by faith in "Our Father's" goodness and love to all his creatures, developed by means of prayer, will escape. Englishmen and women constitutionally feel that the disease is for natives only, and hence perhaps, one reason why they have not feared to expose themselves in visiting hospitals or to attend upon those who have fallen ill in their compounds. One of my daughters has had a week's fever, my wife has had two days of ague fever, temperature 104°, and has since been prostrated with weakness. I have had two mild attacks of chill and fever, which in each case I perspired out all night with hot water bottles and blankets, and was at business the next day. Friends have been severely stricken many days with chills and fever, which could not be diagnosed as plague, for days their lives were despaired of, but they have been mercifully preserved. As people see that a larger and yet larger proportion recover, their fears will diminish and their courage conversely increase; they don't fear the pain of the disease, they fear death. That class also will strengthen in numbers, who find increasing reason to believe in the all-wise providence of "Our Father, who doeth things well." The words of St. Peter are as true now as when they were written, "And, who is he that shall harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good." I feel convinced that the comparative immunity of our Musalman friends from plague attacks is due to their being a praying and energetic people. As enjoined in their liturgy they pray five times a day, wherever they may happen to be, and this habit of prayer helps to give them the courage, the absence of fear, the simple want of a sense of danger, which is so essential at this juncture. Though forms, temporary though they be in their essence are local in their influence, still powerful at the time being are continually emanating from the terror-stricken ideas of those who are sick and dying, and it needs innate courage or simple faith in Him, who is above and within us, successfully to resist their attacks. Besides, people are recovering in increasing numbers. Yesterday I saw now 40 at Arthur Road Hospital. My ghorawalla turned up for his pay very thin, but quite well, last week, after being given out as dead a month previous. His buboes had got all right at Matheran, to which place of refuge he had managed to crawl, after escaping the eagle-eyed inspecting doctor at Kalyan. He told me he had spent one hundred rupees in paying the local priests of the hill temple for sacrificing nine goats, and for sundry other ceremonies needed to secure his salvation from sin. It was rather rough on the goats, but his simple faith was accepted, and he was cured. He has now gone for two months to gain strength at another hill station. My amaher boy has been twenty-four days in hospital. His father died at his chawl, in Chowpaty, along with twenty-six others The little fellow's three buboes have not yet burst, and give him great pain, though being poulticed they are expected to burst any day. The doctor is averse to lancing; he says those lanced mostly die. The patient's temperature has been normal for six days. He has his mother, his little sister, and a small brother living with him. They have not been attacked, perhaps because they have no fear, more probably because they are too busy in attendance upon him to think of danger. We send him fruit, and see him occasionally, to let him feel he is not forsaken, and so keep him in heart, and with God's blessing we believe he will recover.

A Hindu clerk in our office, some weeks ago, had a bubo forming in his groin while in office. We sent him home at once. Fever came on, and he was laid up for three days. He practised a system of cure—perspiration all night with hot water bottles and blankets. He reduced the bubo by hot fomentations. The fourth day he came to office and showed me the remains of the bubo, red extravacated skin about three inches long by one and a-half inches wide, but quite soft. From that day he steadily came to office from his country village, but as he was weak from the fever, we did not sent him out to do measuring in the sun till he was quite strong.

In laying stress upon spiritual influences, adverse and strengthening, I would by no means ignore physical tendencies. It is essentially a dirt disease, primarily induced by an unwashed skin and dirty under-clothes, which check perspiration. Those recover easiest whose skins are always clean. But what chance has an unfortunate mill-hand to keep his body clean, when he leaves home for work at 5 a.m., and does not return till 8 p.m.? Let the mill-agents give him an opportunity of a clean skin by erecting a sufficiency of bath-rooms of hot and cold water, for a midday bath or whenever he has to retire, and let the Factory Act be altered to make provision for this. My landlord is now building two bath-rooms, one for the Maratha, the other for the Surti and low-caste servants.

I have succeeded in inventing a cheap, lasting coir brush or scrubbing sponge sufficiently soft to the skin, much softer than Egyptian loofah sponge and holding as much water as a bath sponge, at one-tenth the cost. A brush which cleanses the skin thoroughly without soap. I have got them made in the House of Correction, Clare Road. All soaps are made of irritant alkoline chemicals, usually silicate of soda or water-glass, softened with diseased animal fats. Their use removes too much of the natural soft oil secreted by the skin, and thus causes pimply eruptions, especially in hot weather. I sponge the body morning and evening with cold water all round the year, rubbing vigorously. I have given up soap entirely for the past twelve months. I now use these coir brushes instead of sponge. The secret of making the coir soft is to have the nap or yarn of the brush from four to five inches long, which makes the fibre bend easily and feel soft to the skin. The yarn should be opened out at the tip end. If then by such vigorous cleaning with pure water you can keep the skin pure and free from dirt, the perspiration freely escapes, and carries of with it the effete matter from the blood, thus keeping disease at a distance. Disease is the protest of nature, of the subjective mind within us, against unnatural conditions, and the effort to rectify them. A man always feels in much better health after a good attack of fever, but that is because the majority in their highly spiced and otherwise improper food and drink, and in their filthy, disease-inducing surroundings, live such unnatural lives, that continued attacks of disease, usually fevers, are necessary to bring back their bodies into a healthy condition of life.

THE EPIDEMIC.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes. Ward	
Upper Colaba	0	0		
Mid. & Lower Colaba	0	0		
Fort, Southern	0	0	A	1
Fort, Northern	0	0		
Esplanade	0	0		
Mandvi	4	4		
Chukla	1	0	B	25
Umarkhadi	1	0		
Dongri	1	1		
Market	2	0		
Dhobi Talao	1	0		
Fanaswadi	2	0	C	17
Bhuleshwar	0	0		
Khara Talao	1	1		
Khumbarwada	4	2		
Khetwadi	1	0		
Girgaum	0	0		
Chaupati	0	0	D	2
Walkeshwar	0	0		
Mahalakshmi	0	1		
Mazagon	2	2		
Tadwadi	0	0		
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to the surface, giving out offensive odours, and several wells which are not used were condemned.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION AT MIDNIGHT.

A BLACK-MAILER SENT TO JAIL.

Before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Superintendent McDermott prosecuted Kalidas Karoba, a servant in the employ of a furniture-dealer at Chuckla, and Ramchundra Sonoo, a policeman, attached to the Government Dockyard and residing at Kamatipura, charging the first accused with two counts, of personating a public servant, viz., a Municipal officer, and extorting money under the colour of such office, and the second accused with aiding and abetting No. 1 in the commission of the offence. At about half-past 9 o'clock on Sunday night both the accused went into a room occupied by a woman, named Heera, in a house opposite the buildings known as the Sirkari Stables, Girgaum Road. The door of the room was ajar, and on entering the place they found the woman and her daughter, aged about ten years, lying asleep. They woke them up, and when the woman got up, the first accused informed her that he was a special medical officer, while his companion, No. 2, was a policeman, and asked her how many persons were residing in the room. The woman replied that the room was occupied by herself and her daughter. The accused said that they were carrying on house-to-house visitation in the locality, and wanted to examine the persons living in the room. The woman, keeping her presence of mind, remarked that house-to-house visitation was performed during the day time only, and remonstrated with them for this untimely operation. The accused persisted, and the woman ultimately allowed them to examine the place, which they did for about a quarter of an hour. Before leaving they asked the woman for five annas. She replied that she was poor, and could not afford to pay the money. Finding that their attempt to levy blackmail was not likely to be successful, they left the place and entered another room in the same house occupied by one Vithal Pandurang. The man, however, proved himself more than a match for them. On being informed of the nature of their visit, he asked the first accused what district he was attached to for this duty. "To the Mahalaxmi district," was the reply. The complainant said that this locality was Girgaum, and he did not know why he should have come there at such a time. He became suspicious, and while the ostensible inspection was being carried on by the accused, he went and brought a English-speaking Hindu. This latter individual also questioned the accused, and from the way in which he replied the whole thing appeared to be suspicious. A policeman was sent for, and on his arrival a large crowd of people collected in front of the house. Both the accused attempted to escape, but they were secured by the second complainant and his neighbours and given in police custody. It may be stated that the first accused during his tour was dressed in decent clothes, specially made for the occasion, while the policeman had put on chumpal (sandal) bearing the mark of the Commissioner of Police. After the evidence for the prosecution was recorded, Superintendent McDermott informed the magistrate that he had been asked by the Commissioner of Police to request the court to pass an exemplary sentence on the accused with a view of deterring others from committing such offences. Both the accused denied the charges, stating that they had gone to the house to inquire about a woman, named Vithee, who resided there. Not finding her in the house, they were returning, when the complainant and his neighbours arrested them on false charges. His Worship convicted both the accused and sentenced them to three months' rigorous imprisonment each.

INFLUX AND EXODUS.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday the number of persons who left Bombay and arrived in the city by sea and road was as follows :—

Arrivals by sea 3,427, and by land through Mahim and Sion Causeways 1,442, making a total of 4,869 persons. Departures by sea 1,630, and by land through Mahim and Sion Causeways 1,684, making a total of 3,314 persons. Excess of arrivals over departures, 1,555 persons.

The following gifts have been made to the Grant Road Hospital :—Free supply of aerated waters for two months by Mr. Hormuz Sheriar, proprietor, Persian Aerated Water Factory ; use of a carriage twice a week for the nursing sisters by Mr. Oomar Jumal, J.P. ; use of of a carriage every Sunday for the nursing sisters and Rs. 25 for benefit of patients by Rao Saheb Ellappa Balaram, J.P. The Medical Officer also tenders his thanks to Mrs. Merrett for her liberal contributions and kindness.

A CRY FROM DAMAUN.

DISCONTENT AMONG THE STARVING POPULACE.

News letters from correspondents at Damaun have daily shown what is going on at that place. The discontent of the populace at what they conceive to be the unduly harsh measures of the Portuguese authorities is now aggravated by the steps of the Collector of Surat. By the establishment of a cordon aroound Damaun, they have been cut off from all communication with the outside world, thus bringing to a dead-stop all the supplies of food and other necessaries of life for which Damaun is dependent on other surrounding villages and stations. Of course, everybody will admit the necessity of stringent measures for the stamping out and prevention of the spread of the disease to other districts hitherto unaffected ; but when the restrictions are impractible, it is high time that Government should ask their over-zealous officers not to push too hard those measures which, instead of becoming a blessing, prove to be a curse. The epidemic is working havoc at Damaun, and great alarm is caused in many families in Bombay on account of their friends and relations being forcibly detained at Damaun. The order passed not to allow even healthy or inoculated persons even after medical examination to enter Wapi, is a most cruel one. Business men have been inconvenienced by not being allowed to leave the place; while those who had gone there to stay with or see their friends or relations for a few days have been compelled to remain much against their will and at the sacrifice of either their service or business.

But this is nothing when compared with more serious inconveniences. Medicine or food sent from Bombay, or any other place, does not reach its destination. There is no relief available ; and owing to food-supplies being cut off there is actual starvation prevailing. The famine is at its worst in Damaun, and the starvation aggravates the pestilence. Damaun Proper is about seven miles distant from the station, which is in British territory ; and the road to Damaun also lies mostly through the British territory on the way to Damaun. In the British borders there is a village called Vapi, the population of which can be counted on the palms of the fingers of the two hands, but people are not allowed even to enter or pass through that village. The Portuguese authorities at Damaun are famed for sometimes passing eccentric orders, and such orders are honoured more in the breach than in the observance. But when the blockade on the Damaun frontier is maintained by the British authorities, people think twice before attempting to frustrate its object. The line is watched by the frontier preventive force on one side and by the Portuguese on the other. The absurdity of the prohibition is apparent, and the rigid measure carries its own condemnation. Unless the rules are soon relaxed, matters, instead of being improved, are likely to go from bad to worse. It is difficult to understand why Damaun should be singled out for such rigid restrictions, when plague-stricken towns under British rule, such as Bulsar, which is in the vicinity of Damaun, are allowed to have uninterrupted intercourse with Bombay, Surat, and other places. When it stands most in need of assistance, Damaun is debarred from all the benefits of outside help. The feeling among the people runs high, and much uneasiness and anxiety are caused in Bombay in certain quarters as to the safety of their relations.

THANKS TO A PHILANTHROPIC MERCHANT.

A large meeting of the members of the Bombay Borah Club was held in the club premises, Ripon Road, the other day, at which the following resolution was passed unanimously and with great enthusiasm :—This club has great sympathy with Mr. Adamjee Peerbhoy, the generous and liberal minded member of the Borah community for his charities towards the Borahs, in which he has expended several lakhs of Rupees for the plague hospital opened by him for the use of the Borah community. To publicly thank him a dinner party will be given and a congratulatory address read in his honour.

BENGAL.

The local Government have addressed an enquiry to the Government of the United Provinces with a view to ascertaining what steps are being taken to prevent the spread of plague in those provinces. At the instance of the Agent of the Bengal North-Western Railway and with a view to prevent the spread of plague to the districts served by that railway north of the Ganges and Gogra, it is in contemplation to hold an inspection of passengers at Mokameh Ghat, Digha Ghat, Behram Ghat, and Ajudhya Ghat.

ADAMJI PEERBHOY PLAGUE HOSPITAL.

The officials of this hospital have received a telegram from the chief medical officer at Kalyan, on the 10th April, at 9-30 p.m., stating "Kurban Hoosein, inspected plague case, arrives Bombay 10-50 p.m., arrange to meet." The patient was duly admitted in our hospital, and is now progressing favourably. It seems that he was travelling from Bombay to Munmar, but was detained at Kalyan. The patient refused to stay in the Kalyan Hospital, but expressed his willingness to go back to Bombay, and stay in the Adamjee Peerbhoy Plague Hospital, where he was sent under a police escort.

The daily report of the Adamji Peerbhoy Plague Hospital shows :—Died, 1 ; and remaining under treatment, 14—thirteen being males and one female.

HINDU FEVER HOSPITAL.

From 7 a.m., 13th April, to 7 a.m., 14th April, four have been admitted, three died, one convalescent, and twenty-nine remain under treatment.

THE CUTCHEE MEMON HOSPITAL.

The following are the returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday :—Admissions 1 ; convalescent 1 ; and remaining under treatment, 4.

POONA.

The City Municipal returns for the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. on Tuesday show the following results :—

Paths	Cases.	Deaths
Sukerwar	4	0
Vetal	1	0
Sudasco	2	0
Budwar	1	0
Somwar	2	0
Kasba	1	0
Bhowani	4	0
Nana	3	2
Rawiwar	1	0
Bhamburda	1	0
Gunj	1	1
Shanwar	0	0
Ganesh	0	0
Raste	0	0
Ghorpade	0	0
Manzalwar	0	0
Narayen	0	0
Plague Hospitals		14
Total.....	21	17
Total to date	1,783	1,273

The total mortality from all causes was 20.
1,249 Local 24 Imported.—*Herald*.

SIND.

KARACHI, April 10.

A military search party officered by the General Captain Rocke and Lieutenant Rambant, Second-Lieutenants Law, Crichton and Daldy, made a house-to-house visitation in the Civil Lines, round Frere Hall, Frere Town, and the Soldiers' Bazar, this morning. Two cases of plague were found in the Civil Lines, and three cases and one dead body in the Soldiers' Bazar. A dead body was found near Trinity Church on Thursday. Great excitement but no opposition was evinced by the sahibs' servants under examination. Mr. Cumming, superintendent for plague suppression, accompanied the military party in their visitation in the Civil Lines.

The cases of plague reported on the 10th, number 19 and the deaths 17, bringing up the totals to date to 3,474 and 2,895, respectively. The Mahomedans in the Lyari record the highest number of cases, but the Hindus show the largest mortality in various quarters, including the Civil Lines and Cantonments. One death is notified among Christians. In the Kiamari Civil, Bagdadi, and Kalankot hospitals the returns for the 10th April show 111 patients remaining, 14 convalescent, and 4 deaths. Up to date 300 admissions have been made into the Civil Plague Hospital.

April 11.

The Civil, Bagdadi, and Kallankot hospitals returns for the 11th show 115 patients remaining, 15, convalescent, and 4 deaths, Mrs. Allen, from Calcutta, has been put on duty at the Civil Plague Hospital, and Miss Allen has 19 patients at the Bagdadi Hospital. There are 14 patients at the Kuddah Shed, nearly all convalescent children. Mr. Framroze Mukhtiarkar has overcome his scruples evinced by the Nurseypuris, and successfully induced them to remove their sick to the Vishvandass Hospital. There is as yet no accommodation for a nurse at either the Runchore or Kallankot hospitals. Patients are attended by their own people.

The Plague Relief Fund now amounts to Rs.16,200. From to-morrow all arrivals by train from Sukkur, Hyderabad, or other infected places will be disinfected at Landi before being allowed to proceed to Karachi.

A PRABHU HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Is often happens that people indulge in unnecessary criticism without proper judgment and due inquiry. "Solomon Eagle" in your issue of the 12th instant says that the clamour of the Prabhus for a separate Prabhu Hospital is due to the false sense of pride and prestige to which they still blindly cling. "Solomon" has really erred in his judgments. He quite forgets the several advantages which are derivable from having a separate hospital for a separate class of persons. Apart from the present crisis, hospitals are generally intended for patients who have no friends or relations to take care of and nurse them properly, and in case of accident when no medical aid is at hand. Even to a civilised person the idea of sending a patient to a hospital is too remote, not because he thinks that the hospital is a dread, or that it is a general hospital, but on account of kinship, which does not allow him to part with the patient even in his last moments. So also it is with the patient. Only in case of necessity he would he allow himself to be taken to a hospital. But when removal to the hospital was made compulsory, different communities came forward with subscriptions and opened hospitals each for its own community. And why? Because they were led by the same considerations as above. They thought that it would be in the interest of the patients to have such separate hospitals. The patients would easily be induced to go to such a hospital, and the separation would not appear so fearful as it would appear if he is taken to a general hospital. He would consider himself, though not with his friends and relations, still among the people of his own community, and not among strangers. Although this is ideal, still it has much to do with the mind upon which the cure of the patient more or less depends. In the absence of any such special Prabhu hospital, the Prabhus ought to help the general Hindu hospital, and I have no doubt they will do so, but it is not bad to have a separate hospital for a community, however small it may be. It will ensure more confidence in the patient as well as his friends and relations, and no patient will grudge to go there, thinking that he is nearer home. Even if male patients were to abandon the idea about the kinship, what about female relatives of the male patients and the female patients themselves? They have not advanced so far in civilisation as to suffer their husbands and children to be so easily separated and committed to the charge of strangers. "Solomon" will, therefore, see that it is not false pride and prestige that brought forth the clamour of the Prabhus for a special hospital, but that they were actuated by the same motive, though on a smaller scale, which induced the managers of the Hindu general hospital to have a separate hospital for Hindus, although there is already one general hospital, viz., the Arthur Road Hospital, in existence.—Yours, &c.,

K. S. D.

II.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The letter which appeared in your issue of yesterday's date under the signature of "Solomon Eagle" touching the subject of the hospital for the Prabhu community, seems to have been written under a misapprehension of the real facts. I would challenge the so-called "Solomon Eagle" to point out in the correspondence which appeared in your different issues anything savouring of pride on the part of the writers. If the Hindu hospital is languishing for funds, whose fault is it? Does the correspondent in question think, that because the Prabhu community has not contributed its quota, the same could not be well manned? Are there not different sects amongst the Hindus? Does the Hindu community only comprise the Prabus. There are several communities, such as the Bhatias, the Lohannas, Banias, Jains, Marwadies, &c. Well, have these people not opened separate hospitals for their respective caste people? Then I really fail to see why your correspondent should take this occasion and count upon the help of the Prabhu community alone? There cannot be any question of pride if the Prabhus have a separate hospital of their own, and the motive attributed by your correspondent of pride, &c., should equally hold good to the other communities who have opened separate hospitals. It is equally ridiculous to suppose that those members of the Pathara Prabhu community who died, died because they did not go to the Hindu hospital. It should be remembered that life is precious to all, and even those unfortunate who chose to fall victims to the plague did all in their power to save their lives, and sought the assistance of the medical men available. Does your correspondent suppose that because the persons were treated at home, they succumbed, and if they were in the hospital they would have perhaps lived? Just as we find that some have recovered in hospitals, similarly many have also recovered from an attack of the plague under private treatment. It is needless to add why the Government have enforced segregation; it is because that the other persons residing with the plague-stricken may not catch the epidemic, and this measure has been strictly enforced by the Government very recently. But when one has not the option to treat a case at home, just as it was hitherto-fore, hence the necessity of having a hospital for the community in question arose. Had your correspondent, while taking the trouble of consulting his pandit about the history of the Prabhus, gone a step further to inquire whether the persons who died in the Prabhu community died without seeking any medical assistance, I dare say he would have got from his learned pandit satisfactory answer to his query, so much so that it would have saved him the trouble of indulging in passionate remarks to those who had the misfortune of incurring "Solomon's" displeasure, for no earthly reason, save and except, for asking what was meet for their poor brethren at this critical juncture.—Yours &c., R. N.

THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF IN-COMING PASSENGERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I find from your yesterday's issue that the Plague Committee have at last resolved to examine passengers coming by rail into Bombay, and that Santa Cruz has been selected as the place for such examination on the B. B. and C. I. R. line. I don't know why Santa Cruz has been selected, and why the Plague Committee has not kept to the same station, Palghur, where the examination of out-going passengers is made. At present Santa Cruz enjoys fair immunity, the public health is fairly good, and the weather is all that could be desired, and barring a little difficulty from want of water—to remove which the land-owners are striving might and main—the place is unique at the present moment. Now, by the resolution of the Plague Committee the residents are alarmed, because they are afraid that the Plague authorities will have to erect a segregation camp somewhere near the station to move therein the passengers found to be affected with plague. Cannot the authorities shift the place for examination further up, to relieve the Santacruzians from anxiety. If, however, they have determined to fix upon Santa Cruz for the examination, then my earnest appeal on behalf of my co-residents is that the segregation camp should be located far away from the hurry-scurry of the town and the village, and save from anxiety residents like

April 14. MYSELF.

TELEGRAPH SIGNALLERS' GRIEVANCES.

THE signallers in the Government Telegraph Office at Bombay have addressed the following memorial to the Viceroy :—

Your Excellency's memorialist is a signaller in the Government Telegraph Office of Bombay, and ventures to approach your Excellency in Council with this his humble petition in the hope that the same will meet with your Excellency's favourable consideration.

2. That, as your Excellency in Council is well aware, the whole of this Presidency is now passing through very troublous times, having on the one hand the plague with all its horrors, and on the other the famine, in consequence of which there is scarcity every where and the prices of even the barest necessaries of life are very much enhanced.

3. That owing to the hardships which your Excellency's memorialist has to suffer through these causes, he in January last petitioned the Director-General of Telegraphs, representing his difficulties and praying that some relief might be granted him in the shape of a monthly allowance equal to 40 per cent of his salary. To this appeal he received the following reply, dated the 8th of February :— "With reference to your letter No. 2824, dated the 30th January 1897, I have the honor to inform you that the Director-General has no power to grant any increased allowances to the signalling staff in Bombay on account of the plague and famine, but he is willing to consider the possibility of giving small loans of money without interest from the Fine Fund to meet very special cases and under the usual conditions of such loans as to repayment. But as the Fine Fund is a very small one, the Director-General is unable to promise that he will be able to make loans to the full extent that may be asked for."

4. That your Excellency's memorialist while feeling very grateful to the Director-General for the relief tendered in his letter is respectfully of opinion that such relief would not meet his case, in as much as when the present abnormal conditions of life in Bombay have passed away, he would, if he availed himself of the loan offered, be confronted with the necessity for prompt repayment and would hove to undergo the liabilities thus incurred during the present situation. He is, however, thankful to the Director-General for his letter, which in his humble opinion recognises that a necessity for some relief does exist.

5. That your Excellency's memorialist now ventures to represent his case to your Excellency in Council, and to pray for such relief as may seem to your Excellency adequate to his needs. And in order that his petition may the better recommend itself to your Lordship, he takes the liberty of respectfully calling your attention to the following facts which will prove that his work is beyond comparison more arduous and responsible than that of any other Department in Government service :—(1.) Your Excellency's memorialist has to work by day and by night for a total number of 60 hours per week, without being allowed any Sunday or other holidays. His hours of work are also peculiarly inconvenient and hard, for whereas other Government servants work only between the hours of 10 and 5, your memorialist has to go on duty for turns succeeding each other in the following rotation : Sunday 10 p. m. to 10 a. m., Monday 4 p. m. to 10 p. m., Tuesday, 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. (2.) The city of Bombay, where he does duty, is the most important telegraph station in India, and on account of its situation, considered both geographically and commercially, the work is continuous and incessant, and entails a severe strain on the worker. In addition to the Inland traffic, in itself enormous, this office disposes of European and American messages on the one side, and on the other with Australian and the Far East, which alone demands a very high degree of efficiency in the employees of the department, the work being of a peculiarly difficult and exacting nature. (3) In the matter of leave again, your Excellency's memorialist is at a great disadvantage when compared to other Government servants. Though as a member of the Imperial Service of India, your memorialist is entitled to the benefits reserved by the Civil Leave Code, yet the latter are denied him by virtue of the operation of departmental rules, an illustration may be cited :—(1) the rule in this office that "no privilege leave shall be granted between the months of November and May," the result of which is that it is almost impossible for such leave to be obtained, as the number of applicants is very large ; and if such leave is granted, it is at a season of the year when it is not possible to enjoy it. (2) the rule of the Code that privilege leave may be granted on production of a medical certificate is nullified by the office regulations that all leave on medical certificates shall be reckoned as sick leave on half-pay. (3) Again, for absence from duty, which may extend beyond a day through illness, the rules have ordained that except the certificate of one of the three Presidency surgeons which the applicant can only procure by presenting himself at the place and time appointed by the surgeon, without regard to the exposure and expense demanded by such elaborate procedure.

6. That all these hardships which are in a way peculiar to your Excellency's memorialist are intensified and felt more acutely in these days of panic, want, and disease, when they are further increased by the difficulties incidental on the famine which has overtaken this Presidency—difficulties which are the direct cause of this humble appeal to your Excellency in Council. In common with the other people of Bombay, your memorialist is now passing through a season of great depression where the conditions of life are daily growing more desperate. House-rent in Bombay just now is excessive, as, the plague-stricken localities being comparately deserted, such houses as have not yet been visited by the plague are in great demand and fetch high rentals. Further, most of the domestic servants under the influence of the prevailing scare, have returned to their native countries or sought employment elsewhere, and those that are left can only be had at a rate of wages that is almost prohibitive. And, above all, throughout the Presidency, food-stuffs, clothing and every other commodity have risen in price from 40 to 60 per cent.

7. The result of all this has been, to make the need of special relief at this time very keenly felt. Most of the leading firms of Bombay have risen to the occasion, and are giving their employees special allowances, ranging from 20 to 40 per cent, on their salaries. The Board of Directors of the Eastern Telegraph Company as soon as the present situation was brought to their notice, at once conceded to every member of their staff a month's extra salary ; while the Public Departments of the Government of Bombay have, pending a decision as to the grant of special allowances, diminished the hours of work, and granted other facilities to their servants ; on the other hand, not only has your Excellency's memorialist not been treated with any similar consideration, but he has on the contrary been compelled to work for one hour extra at nights.

8. In view of all these circumstances, your Excellency's memorialist has ventured to point out the hardships at present besetting him, and he now respectfully approaches your Excellency in Council, and prays that your Excellency may be graciously pleased to grant a special allowance to your memorialist of 40 per cent on his salary, with effect from the 1st of December last, or such other relief as may to your Excellency seem warranted by the nature of his case.

9. In conclusion, your memorialist begs leave to say that he is proud to belong to a Telegraph service recognised as second to none in the world—a service which, he may say without vanity, has ever distinguished itself, and which has proved its efficiency and devotion to duty on the most critical occasions. If your Excellency's memorialist has now ventured to voice his feelings, and to lay his petition before your Excellency in Council, it is only because he has been impelled by the stress of exceptional circumstances to seek relief at your Excellency's hands, and he does so with the fullest faith in your Excellency's sense of justice and kindness humbly hoping that this his petition will meet with your Lordship's favourable consideration.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE prohibition of exportation of arms and ammunition and military stores from the Straits Settlements to Burma is continued to January 31st, 1902.

MR. H. FARRER, Deputy Director-General of the Post Office of India, is seriously indisposed. He leaves Calcutta at once for England.

IN the final game of the Lahore District Polo Tournament, in which Lahore B. team met the Royal Artillery from Mian Mir, the former came out victorious somewhat easily by five goals and four subsidiaries to *nil*.

IT has been decided to preserve the present alignment of the Mandalay-Salween Railway, thus passing through Maymyo. Some of the gradients are so steep that it was proposed to carry the line eight or nine miles further north ; but this proposal was abandoned.

A MEETING of the Aligarh Famine Relief Fund Committee was held at the Lyall Library, on Saturday. Kanvar Juala Pershad, C. S., presided, and Sir Syed praised the work done by the Committee and handed over a note of Rs. 500 sent to him from England by Mr. Bramby, a retired Civilian Judge of Aligarh. A special vote of thanks to Mr. Bramby was passed.

WHEN Mr. E. F. L. Winter returns from furlough, he will go as Collector to Saharanpur, relieving Mr. C. W. Whish, who takes leave. Mr. R. Greeven leaves the Secretariat shortly to become Collector of Bulandshahr, Mr. H. N. Wright taking his place as Under-Secretary. When Mr. E. A. Molony returns from furlough he goes to Aligarh as Collector, relieving Mr. L. A. S. Porter.

THE receipts of the East Indian Railway continue to show a slight increase compared with last year. For the week ending 3rd April the increase was Rs. 1,36,133 and the total advance since January 1st is Rs. 9,50,788.

RUSSIAN influence is making itself strongly felt in Corea. According to a recent Japanese paper the Corean Government has lately made arrangements to send thirty young men from the leading families to learn the Russian language and to receive technical education in the country.

MR. H. J. STANYON, C. I. E., the leader of the Bar at Jubbulpore, who has just been appointed a Divisional Judge, is the subject of a long eulogy in the *Jubbulpore Times*, and it appears also that a movement is on foot in Jubbulpore to perpetuate his memory in the station that has known him since 1882, by some public benefaction.

WE hear that Professor Oakley made a most successful balloon ascension and parachute descent at Multan on Saturday evening amid great applause before thousands of spectators. The ascent was about 7,000 feet, but owing to a breeze the aeronaut was unable to descend from where he started, and alighted in the military lines instead.

RAIN is very badly needed in the Thal Chotiali district of Baluchistan. Irrigated crops throughout the district are very poor, and rain crops practically do not exist. Animals of all kinds are suffering from starvation and dying.

THERE seems to be a certain amount of unrest in Waziristan at present. On the 21st ultimo two cavalry sowars on escort duty were fired at about a mile from the Datta Khel camp, and one was shot dead. More recently an escort party, proceeding from Jandola to Tank, was fired on by Waziris and a horse was killed.

THE total numbers now on relief works and in receipt of gratuitous relief are 2,853,000. The principal increase during the last week occurred in the Central Provinces, viz 71,000, Bombay, 22,000, and Bengal, 6,000. Decreases of 39,000 and 11,000 are reported from the North-West Provinces and Punjab. Over a million persons are still in receipt of aid in the North-West Provinces, over half a million in Bengal and nearly half a million in the Central Provinces and Bombay.

ON Saturday afternoon the Council of the Punjab Association held their annual conversazione in the Shalamar Gardens, and presented an address of welcome to Mr. Mackworth Young, the new Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab. The proceedings, of which a full account will be found on another page, were chiefly remarkable for the few well chosen, temperate, yet firm and dignified words which the Lieutenant-Governor spoke with regard to the recent exibition of ill feeling between Hindus and Muhammadans in Lahore. Now that the matter has been deemed worthy of notice by the head of the Government in the Punjab himself, upon a public occasion, it is to be presumed that the leaders of the two communities will see the necessity of making the measures on the subject, which they have already inaugurated, thoroughly efficacious.

WITH regard to the Pondicherry case, in which as was announced a few days ago, Mrs. Wilson the accused had been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, a Pondicherry correspondent says that in Pondicherry itself the verdict is considered excessive and unjustly severe and not ruled by facts or common sense. Public opinion is unanimous in condemning both judges and jury. The latter, however, it is said, were mere dummies. The public prosecutor's charge was extravagant, and many points ludicrous, his conclusions being mostly based on flimsy circumstantial evidence. The sentence has been appealed against to the Chief Judicial Court at Paris. Meanwhile Mrs. Wilson remains a prisoner under suspension. On the first day of the accused's arrival in Court "there was a pronounced murmur of admiration expressed by the vast audience at her distinguished and prepossessing appearance and dignified and reliable manner." The correspondent states that the proceedings generally were conducted in a very foreign and confused manner, but it is not quite clear whether it was entirely to this fact or partly to the prepossessing appearance of the accused that the sympathy aroused on her behalf is to be attributed.

A MEETING of the Central Mahomedan Association, Madras, was held on Sunday to take steps to celebrate the Queen's Commemoration. It was decided to collect subscriptions to found a Jubilee National Press, the profits of which were to go towards promoting Mahomedan education. Resolutions were also passed thanking H. E. the Governor for appointing Mahomedan gentlemen to the Shrievalty, the Revenue Officership of the Madras Municipality, and Fellowship of the Madras University, respectively. Surgeon-Major-General Sibthorpe was also thanked for his interest in the community as shown recently in connection with the Medical Service.

THE Lahore District Polo Tournament opened on Monday. Eight teams have entered, and two games were played off on Monday. The first was between the Royal Artillery, Mian Mir, and the Somersets' 2nd team. The Artillery team consisted of Mr. Maloney, 1 ; Captain Ford, 2 ; Major Wedderburn, 3 ; and Mr. Balfour, back. Somersets 2nd team :—Mr. Whatman, 1 ; Mortimer, 2 ; Mr. Thoyts, 3 ; and Mr. Maud, back. The Gunners won by five goals and two subsidiaries to one subsidiary. The second game was between Mian Mir Station and Lahore A. team. The players were :—Mian Mir : Mr. Bethune, 1 ; Mr. Cook, 2 ; Mr. Bruce, 3 ; Mr. Curlen, back. Lahore. A. team : Mr. Gunter, 1 ; Mr. Beaty Senior, 2 ; Mr. H. K. Kaul 3 ; Major Eagerton, back. The Mian Mir subalterns won by three goals and one subsidiary to one goal. On Tuesday two other games were played. The first was between the Somerset 1st team and the 19th Bengal Lancers. The team, were :—Somerset : Mr. Trovte-Bullock, 1 ; Mr. James, 2 ; Captain Cooke-Harle, 3 ; Captain Cox, back. Bengal Lancers : Mr. Ballantyne, 1 ; Mr. Taylor, 2 ; Mr. Fraser, 3 ; Mr. Craik, back. After a splendid game the Somersets won by three goals and two subsidiaries to three goals. The next game was between Lahore B. team and Amritsar Station. The former team consisted of Mr. Sullivan, 1 ; Mr. Baron, 2 ; Mr. Annesley, 3 ; Mr. Perry, back. Amritsar Station : Mr. Lawson, 1 ; Mr. Buchannan, 2 ; Mr. Mulrooney, 3 ; Mr. Trenchart, back. Lahore had a fairly easy victory by five goals and one subsidiary to three goals.

THE INDIAN EXPENDITURE COMMISSION.

MR. DADABHAI NAOROJI'S EVIDENCE.

(Concluded from yesterday's *Bombay Gazette*.)

THE following is the concluding portion of Sir James Peile's cross-examination of Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji before the above commission on March 26.

But the political condition is that they pay three times as much taxation ?—Yes, but it all comes back to them.

But I have shown that it does not. You forget that loans are raised, tribute is paid. Europeans are employed.

In further examination Sir J. Peile said :—

Are you aware that the enquiries of the Famine Commission brought out the fact that the incidence of the British land revenue was about 7 per cent. of the gross produce ?—Mr. Dadabhai I will take it from you.

Are you also aware that the ordinary system in Native States is that the State or ruler takes one half the gross produce ?—Yes, but the advantage is lost on account of the system of Government.

That is your assumption ?—I simply mention the fact. The chief point is that though they take half the produce in the Native States, but it remains in the country.

I have ventured to show that it does not ?—Very well, you say so. With the exception of this little portion of tribute which they pay it is not worth thinking of.

Do you consider the British land revenue to be oppressive ?—Every taxation I consider is oppressive simply because it becomes oppressive.

It reduces the people to a state of starvation?—Yes.

Will you allow me to read you a speech by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan ?—He has his own view and I have mine.

Sir James Peile here read the extract referred to, in which the speaker said that the amount of attention given to the welfare of the peasantry is unparalleled in any former Indian Government.

Witness : With regard to the present system of assessment I will take it for granted that it is a good system : better than the old rules. The evil lies in foreign domination which drains the country unceasingly.

Sir James Peile : I pointed out to you that what you call the "drain," amounts to about a quarter of a very low rate of taxation, and that about half of that in the year you take was paid by China. There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the return of the price and profits of exports. You seem to be under the impression that the British Indian subject does not get back his full price ; that some part is retained somewhere ?—It is what is taken away from the country.

Suppose a British Indian subject in Ahmedabad and a native subject in Kathiawar each send home cotton worth £10, each of these men gets the full value of this £10, in rupees. The British Indian subject is not deprived of any part ?—I will explain. The British Indian subject's produce is intercepted, as it were, by the India Office.

Not the produce ?—The produce is sold and the agent buys an India Office bill, and sends it to be paid from revenue.

We are all perfectly aware of that. It is a financial physical expedient ?—No.

Yes. The Secretary of State takes from the merchant the price of the Indian produce and gives the latter an order on the Indian Treasury for an equivalent amount of rupees. Does that in any way affect the profit of the individual purchaser ?—Yes, as much as is intercepted here by the India Office in sending their bills does not return to India but is paid out of fresh revenue. In the case of the Native States it is quite different.

It really amounts to this, does it not, that as regards that small portion of the low taxation fund which is paid as home for material and services supplied in India—whether you think they are worth it or not is another question—the money might be sent home from India, but it is more convenient to take the gold here and pay the silver in India. Does that affect the individual exporter of produce ?—No, the individual exporter is not affected.

That is all I wish to know ?—Yes, but it is misleading. The individual exporter receives his money from the Indian Exchequer and not the money he has actually got by the sale of the goods. His produce goes out of the country without any material return in any shape of produce or bullion.

I thought we said "service and material" ?—This service in itself is a further complaint and grievance.

Then as to the agency employed in exporting, that is to say the foreign merchant, you are particularly hard on him, are you not ? You grudge him what he eats ?—Not at all.

You say he eats what the Indian would eat. Are not his gains the interest on the capital he employes, and is not that a benefit to India ?—If we were a self-governing country we should welcome the merchant because we should have our own resources fully employed, and the merchant would add so much more, but our position is that we are helpless, our capital is taken away from us, we cannot make any capital, and the foreign merchant or capitalist comes in, has full monopoly as it were of the resources of the country, and benefits by them, and we are simply the hewers of wood and drawers of water to them.

Does the foreign merchant pay taxes ?—He may pay taxes.

Does he spend largely in employing labour ?—Yes, but to his own profit.

Has he any privileged position whatever ?—No.

I find in one of your remarks he has a certain privilege ?—Yes,

You say "the position of the exploitation by the foreign capitalists is still worse than I have already represented. Not only do they make profits for their own capital but they draw in capital from the taxation of the people themselves." What does that mean ?—I have explained.

You quote a telegram to the effect that "Sir James Westland then explained how closely connected the money market of India was with the Government balances. All the available capital employed in commerce practically being in these balances—the crore and a half which under normal conditions would have been at headquarters in Calcutta and Bombay, and been placed at the disposal of the mercantile community for trading purposes." You say "the European merchants, bankers, etc., may have Indian taxes at their disposal the profits of which they may take away to their own country. Is it possible that you confuse two very different things—that is to say a loan to merchants with a supply of the currency for trade generally ?—No, a portion of the taxation of money raised by taxation would have been at the disposal of commerce, which means that a portion of the taxation goes to the banks. From these banks the European merchants mainly draw their credit and use that money for their own business.

Do you mean that Government lends the taxes to the foreign merchants ?—No, Government lends it to the banks, they lend it, they make a profit out of it, and that lending goes mostly to those who are in the commercial world.

Does that amount to lending the taxes to the merchant ?—Yes, because it is from the taxes that that money is deposited in the banks. Where does that money come from ? Well we will leave it there.

Sir James Peile continued : You are even harder upon the Civil Administration than upon the foreign merchants. You say "the Civil and Military services are a burden and destruction to India," and that they are "India's greatest evil," that the arbitrary employment of Europeans is a charge forced upon India by mere tyranny; that it is the British Indian authorities that have made India what she is, bleeding at every pore. Do you mean to say you really believe the British authorities and India are deliberately disobeying and setting at defiance the orders of the British Government ?—Why, your own Viceroy has acknowledged it in so many words. Lord Lytton says in a minute distinctly : "We have adopted transparent, deliberate subterfuge in all these matters."

Have you the whole of the confidential minute to which you refer ? Has it ever been published ?—No, an extract was brought forward obliquely by a speaker in the first meeting of the Congress. It has never been contradicted.

It was a confidental paper pilfered from the Viceroy. Was the purport of that paper in favour of a larger employment of Indians or not ?—I do not know.

Will you give an instance of any great public measure in which the Viceroy or Government of India have defied the wishes and orders of the English Government ?—Yes.

Give a case ?—This very Act of 1833 has been left a dead letter up to the present moment.

Has it not the case that whatever has been done in that matter has been done by the orders of the Secretary of State in the English Government ?—When I talk of the "Authorities" I talk of both.

You are speaking of the English in India ?—I spoke of the English altogether.

I beg your pardon, it is not so. You said their servants the Indian authorities Anglo-Indians generally ?—Yes, I meant in both countries.

Then you condemn both the Anglo-Indians and the Government at home ?—Oh, yes, of course.

But the Government at home is responsible to Parliament, and Parliament represents the British people ?—My complaint is about the Secretary of State as well as the Government of India. By "Indian Authorities" I mean the India Office also—in fact even more than the Government of India.

Sir James Peile at this point drew attention to the progress that had been made in India during her Majesty's reign, quoting the remarks of Mr. Playfair in the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago,—The increase in the land revenue, witness remarked, was an increased oppression.

Continuing, Sir James Peile asked :—

Has the general tendency of the British Government been to increase or decrease the employment of natives in public offices ?—There are two opinions upon that. We are obliged to belive generally—there is an opinion prevalent in India—that when ever they can introduce a European they try to do so.

With regard to the Statutary service, witness continued, there was an impression in the mind of Indians that when the rules for this service were adopted, without the test of competence, the object was to throw discredit upon the service.

Sir James Peile : Are you aware of what are called the Rules of 1879, which were that in the intermediate body of officials—sub-Magistrates, Judges, and so on—no European should be appointed to a place of Rs. 200 and upwards if a native could be found fit to hold it ?—Yes, but will you kindly tell us what appointments have been made ?—I can personally testify that that rule has been most rigidly adhered to—I am very glad to hear it, but the general opinion among us is that it has not been strictly carried out. That the Secretary of State has sanctioned whatever the Government of India proposed.

WRITERS AND READERS.

In view of the possible events of June, Mr. Murray is reissuing, in a cheaper form, the Life and Letters of Princess Alice. This book, which was edited by Princess Christian, had a very wide sale when it first appeared. Princess Christian has now revised it, and has added the last letter written by Princess Alice. For frontispiece there will be a portrait of the Princess taken not long before her death.

There has been a good deal of speculation as to the authorship of the recent volume on Mr. Cecil Rhodes. Accordingly it may be stated that Imperialist is neither Mr. Stead nor Miss Flora Shaw, who have been the two favourites. Imperialist means to remain anonymous for the present in defiance either of the praise or the blame of his sketch. His name is not unknown over other writings, and he is an old personal friend of Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Jameson.

The next book in Heinemann's Great Educators Series promises to be one of exceptional interest. That may be said for a double reason. The subject is Thomas and Matthew Arnold—a distinguished father and a more distinguished son—and the writer is Sir Joshua Fitch. He is well known as one of our authorities on education. Sir Joshua's appointment in the Education Department brought him into close personal relations with Matthew Arnold. The friendship which existed between them enables him to give to this monograph an insight which would not otherwise have been possible.

Sir Archibald Geikie has nearly finished his exhaustive work on the ancient volcanoes of this country Born among the crags that mark the sites of some of these volcanoes, he was led in his boyhood to intertest himself in their structure and history. That interest has continued with him, and has led him to investigate the subject in the most complete way. From time to time he has read papers on it before the learned societies. Now he has put together all the information arising from his labours in this particular direction. Messrs. Macmillan are publishing the book, which has illustrations, some from photographs, others from Sir Archibald Geikie's sketches.

Mr. Du Toit, a promihant Africander, has written a book on Rhodesia which Mr. Heinemann will publish before long. The writer was superintendent of education in the Transvaal, was a party to the very historical London Convention, founded the Africander Bond, and was its first president. These facts indicate Mr. Du Toit's leaning in South African politics, but, nevertheless, we are told that he is a strong advocate of the Rhodes and Chartered Company policy in Rhodesia. His book is described as the record of a personal and careful survey of Rhodesia, undertaken with the object of obtaining independent information as to its resources. It will have illustrations from photographs and sketches by himself.

Mr. W. B. Yeats's volume of stories, The Secret Rose, will be published by Messrs. Lawrence and Bullen. "Although I wrote these stories at different times," says Mr. Yeats, "and in different manners and without any definite plan, they have all one subject—the war of spiritual with natural order. That gives the key to the book. Mr. Yeats is sometimes asked by his Irish friends when is he going to write a really national poem or romance founded upon some moment of famous Irish history. In his preface here he answers the question. He thinks that poetry and romance are hardly to be made thus. Rather a writer must look into that little infinite faltering eternal flame that is called one's self.

Some time ago there was published a novel called Mrs. Dorothy Marvin, and written by an unknown writer. Another story from the same pen is now announced by Messrs. Innes, the title being Fierce Heart the Soldier. The writer in question is Mr. J. C Snaith, and the point of interest is his success at an uncommonly early age. It seems that the sale of Mrs. Dorothy Marvin ran to between 6,000 and 7,000 copies which in any case would be remarkable for a first venture. But the book came from a youth of seventeen, and Mr. Snaith has finished his second novel before reaching his twentieth year. It is a romance of that stirring period of Scottish history, the rebellion of Prince Charlie. Mr. Snaith lives in Nottingham and so far his literary work has been the occupation of spare hours.

Several interesting volumes are promised in the Social England Series issued by Messrs. Swan Sonenschein Professor Baldwin Brown, of Edinburgh University, will write on the history of the fine arts, and Mr. Sidney O. Addy on the evolution of the English house. To the latter volume there will be something of a companion in another, by Mr. Henry Balfour, on the evolution of English household instruments. Professor Cunningham will contribute a book dealing with the influence of alien immigration on our social life. Mysteries and Miracle Plays is the title of a work on which Mrs. Toulmin Smith is engaged, and Mr. Laird Clowes will write on the Navy. Other issues in the series have also been arranged for.

Two books which resemble each other only in this, that they come from foreign writers, are announced by Mr. Heinemann. One is compiled by Miss Rachel Challice from Dr. Wilken's German work, Spanish Protestants in the Sixteenth Century. Lord Plunket, the Archbishop of Dublin, who has not been very well recently, contributes an introduction, and Canon Fleming a preface. The other book is Camille Flammarion's Lumen. Here the distinguished French astronomer endeavours to bring before his readers a speculative theory of life in another planet. The attraction of the volume lies in the picture given us by a highly-trained scientific mind working on the basis of years of thought and training. About fifty thousand copies of Lumen have been sold in French, which shows the hit it has made.

Mr Fitzgerald Molloy has finished a story called The Devil's Hand which will appear first in serial form. Rie's Diary is the title of a gossipy, observant volume which Messrs. Chatto are to publish. The writer is Miss Anne Coates, a Yorkshire young lady. The same firm promise another novel by Dr. C. J. Wills who wrote The Land of the Lion and the Sun. The new one is named His Dead Past. Messrs Black have in the press a story Out of Her Shroud, by Mr. Henry Cuthbert the author of Redburn. Mr. Macqueen will publish on an early date an English translation of Ludovic Halévy's novel, L'Abbe Constantin. Stephen Lucombe, with the descriptive subtitle Bachelor of Arts, is a story by Mr. Julius H. Hurst which Messrs Putnam are to publish.

The late Dr. Benson's life of Cyprian will be published by Messrs. Macmillan shortly. The new volume of Mr. Justin McCarthy's history is to be so up to date that it will include the story of the Crete crisis. A volume of verse—an allegory in form—is being published by Messrs. Kegan Paul under the title The Opening of the Gates. The author is Mr. James Macbeth Pearse or Karl Pearson's new work—a group of studies in evolution—is to be published by Mr. Arnold just after Easter. Another issue Mr. Elkin Mathew's Shilling Garland is to be ready in a few days. It is called Faneys Guerdon, and is by a lady using the "nom de guerre" Anodos. Part of the verse was published privately by the Daniel Press, of Oxford. Mr. Mathews has also nearly ready the More Songs from Vagabondia of Mr. Bliss Carman and Mr. Richard Hovey.

Many besides military men will be glad to learn that a biography of so able and accomplished a soldier and administrator as the late Sir George Pomeroy Colley is taking shape in the hands of a writer so capable and sympathetic as General Sir William Butler. Sir George Colley would have been a most interesting authority on the regime of Lord Lytton, whom he served first as Military Secretary, and next as Private Secretary. Not that an ordinary secretary needed to have much more to do than to issue invitations to my lord's balls and pic-nics. But while Colley enjoyed the fun at Simla as keenly as anybody, he turned his opportunities to account in the study of Indian military administration. He was one of the hardest students in India. An omnivorous reader all his life, Colley was one of the best informed men in the service, in general history and literature, no less than in the history of his profession.

Descended from Chaplain Pomeroy, who served under Lord Essex in Ireland in Charles II.'s time, and one of whose posterity became connected with the Cowleys and Wellesleys, George Pomeroy Colley got his first commission in 1853 in the Second Regiment, then stationed at the Cape. There he acquired his influence over the Kaffir and other native tribes. His next service was in China, under Sir Hope Grant. He was wandering about the Carpathians when he heard of Sir Garnet Wolseley's expedition against the bloodthirsty savage King Coffee of Kumasi. So he hurried off, caught up Sir Garnet in the bush, and was put in charge of the transport and communications—was made "etappen" commander, as the Germans say. Colley's services were invaluable. After the Ashanti business, he accompanied Sir Garnet to Natal. But of his experiences in Africa and elsewhere we shall hear more in Sir William Butler's book.

On the 27th of next month will take place the dedication of the monument to the memory of General Grant. General Horace Porter, who is to be the orator of the occasion, will have in the April number of The Century an article entitled The Tomb of General Grant. The April Century is to be called the Grant Memorial Number, inasmuch as so many of its principal articles are to be on the Soldier Statesman. Sherman's opinion of Grant is shown in a letter not before published. In A Blue and Gray Friendship the Hon John R. Proctor describes the long intimacy between Grant and Buckner, the latter of whom surrendered to the former at Donelson.

Colonel Trevor, C.S.I., the chief representative of the British Government in Rajputana, has written for the number of Macmillan a paper on the fa[mine]. The same number will contain an article by [Sir] Loch, secretary to the Charity Organization Society, on the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

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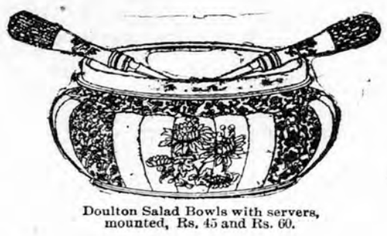
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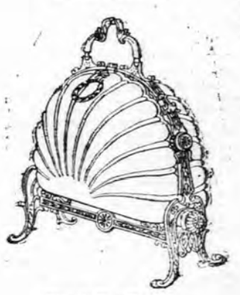
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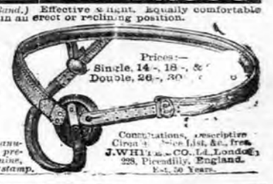

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